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# 100 Tories could back referendum Britain may be frozen out by hostile EU

By CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND JILL SHERMAN

AN EMOTIONAL attack on London by Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, raised the pressure in the beef war yesterday and cast vivid light on the way John Major's obstruction campaign over beef is fuelling continental ideas for sidelining Britain in a new-look European Union.

Up to 100 Tory backbenchers are also expected tomorrow to exploit the deteriorating relations with Brussels by backing a Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's future role in Europe. Tory Euro-sceptics were incensed by Mr Santer's intervention but argued that it offered ammunition for their case and would strengthen tomorrow's backbench rebellion.

Bill Cash, a leading Euro-sceptic, seized on Mr Santer's words in an attempt to rally support for his Bill. "This man is no more than an unelected bureaucratic official," he said. "He really does not have any kind of democratic status whatever and it is monstrous that someone like that should be dictating terms to us."

However, because of government opposition, Mr Cash's ten-minute-rule Bill is unlikely to make progress. If it were to be successful, it would have no hope of becoming law this session because

the Government is not obliged to make parliamentary time for it.

Nevertheless, a big rebellion of Tory MPs would be highly embarrassing for the Government because it would highlight party splits and increase pressure for a more hardline approach towards Brussels over the future development of Europe.

Mr Santer's blast, in which he spoke of an approaching "moment of truth" if Britain continued to sabotage EU business, testified to the extreme exasperation which the Government's beef tactics are generating in all 14 other member states and the Commission.

"We are going as far as the limit of our possible tolerance and all the members' tolerance," the normally emollient Mr Santer said in an interview in *The Observer*. People were now asking, he said, whether "Europe would be better off without Britain".

The blocking drive has inflamed longstanding frustration with Britain's approach to Europe, prompting universal condemnation and widespread public anger. In so doing, it is spurring schemes, backed by the more federal-minded states, for a multi-speed EU that would keep Britain at arm's length from an inner core. The schemes

are circulating at the inter-governmental conference negotiations for revising the Maastricht treaty. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, attends the latest IGC round in Luxembourg today.

Last night British ministers tried to play down Mr Santer's comments in a deliberate attempt to lower the temperature. Although they refused to respond directly to his remarks, they made clear that the policy of non-cooperation would continue until the EU agreed to a framework to lift the ban on British beef.

The strongest outburst so far from Mr Santer was aimed at jolting the Government out of an intransigent attitude that threatens to derail the EU summit in Florence at the end of next week. EU officials said yesterday. Like many diplomats from states friendly to Britain, Mr Santer is worried that patience with Britain's odd-man-out approach is close to snapping.

Portugal, an old ally, has joined Germany in the hard-line camp over beef. President Chirac, who sided with Mr Major in the drive to lift the beef by-products ban, has shifted back towards Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor.

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David Ward, who donated part of his liver to his daughter Lani, was made "Dad of the Year" yesterday. Page 3

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## LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and screaming, a lifelong football hater begins her three-week crash course in the arts of the beautiful game at Wembley for the opening of Euro 96.

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England and Scotland are the oldest of football enemies. The renewal of their rivalry next Saturday will bring back memories of their past encounters. But which were the best?

## DOMINIC CORK

The first cricketer to take a hat-trick for England in a Test match for 38 years remembers the three balls which launched his spectacular career only in *The Times* starting next Monday.

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## Disappointing England start

After England's disappointing 1-1 draw with Switzerland at the start of Euro 96, Spain and Bulgaria drew 1-1 at Leeds in a game in which a player from each side was sent off. Germany, the favourites, beat the Czech Republic 2-0. Pages 25-29

## Power selling

British Energy will promise to pay investors £100 million in dividends, almost twice as much as it is likely to earn in profits this year. Page 48

## Anti-Mitchell Unionists threaten to disrupt talks

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

UNIONISTS are threatening to disrupt today's historic all-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland in protest at the appointment of George Mitchell, the former American senator and President Clinton's ally, as the overall chairman.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, will try to block the appointment when the two Prime Ministers, John Major and John Bruton, formally hand over the proceedings.

John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionists, used blunt language last night to register his opposition to Mr Mitchell. As he arrived for a meeting with Mr Mitchell, the MP for Strangford said: "I see him very much in the American Irish camp coming to preside over talks about the future of Northern Ireland. It is the equivalent of appointing an American Serb to preside

over talks about the future of Croatia."

The IRA faced overwhelming pressure on both sides of the Irish border to renew its ceasefire that would allow Sinn Fein to join the talks at the Stormont Castle buildings. Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Primate of All Ireland, said that Sinn Fein's absence would be regrettable. He led the calls for peace with a blunt message to the IRA that it faced a "moral obligation and political imperative" to act.

His calls were echoed by an opinion poll in the Dublin *Sunday Tribune* which showed that 97 per cent of the people of Northern Ireland wanted an IRA ceasefire. The poll also found that 84 per cent of Sinn Fein's supporters wanted a ceasefire.

Sinn Fein refused yesterday to be drawn on whether the IRA would renew its ceasefire. Martin McGuinness, the par-

ty's chief negotiator, repeatedly refused to say on BBC's *Breakfast with Frost* whether he had called on the IRA to restore its ceasefire.

A senior republican source said that there was still a chance that the IRA would declare a ceasefire to allow Sinn Fein to join the talks, although possibly not in time for today's opening ceremony.

The source said that Sinn Fein was encouraged by Mr Mitchell's appointment.

A man shot dead in West Belfast last night was believed to be the fifth victim of the bloody internal feud within the Irish National Liberation Army. Republican sources in West Belfast indicated that the man was murdered by supporters of Gino Gallagher, the INLA's former chief-of-staff, who was shot dead in January.

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## Britons left in Miami after refusing to fly 'unsafe' jet

By DAVID ADAMS IN ORLANDO AND EMMA WILKINS

A GROUP of 91 British holidaymakers were left at Orlando airport in Miami with just their hand luggage yesterday after refusing to board a flight home because they believed the jet was unsafe. The flight had earlier been delayed by technical problems.

Charter operator Excalibur Airways reassured 246 other passengers that the DC10 was safe and they arrived in Manchester yesterday morning after the 4,000-mile flight.

The passengers who stayed, including some children, spent the night in the departure lounge. They were told they had no right to seats on another plane and would have to pay for their flight home.

David Goldberg, from Doncaster, who paid for his pregnant wife, Susan, to fly home on a later Virgin flight said: "This has turned into a complete nightmare. We have been left with just the clothes

we are standing in, virtually no money and apart from soft drinks and packets of nuts we have been supplied with absolutely zero."

Passengers said problems began before they boarded the flight. They watched as emergency crews wearing gas masks boarded the plane, causing a five-hour delay. When passengers eventually boarded they noticed reading lights flashing above the seats. As the plane began to taxi to the runway, they said they could smell burning.

"Between rows 30 and 35, there was smoke coming through the air-conditioner vents," said Tony Eastlake, 46, from the Isle of Man. He said he and several other passengers demanded to be allowed off before Captain Hugh Jones announced that they were returning to the terminal.

Two hours later, after engineers traced the problem to

the air-conditioning system, the plane was declared safe and passengers were asked to board again. But despite personal assurances from Captain Jones, 91 of them decided the plane was not safe and decided to remain in Orlando.

The captain addressed the passengers in small groups. He warned them that they faced paying for alternative seats if they refused to board. "I tried to reassure the passengers that my prime concern was safety," he said. "I tried to tell them that I wouldn't have gone on board, because I value my own life and those of my crew and passengers, if I wasn't completely satisfied that it was safe. Even so, they decided to stay behind."

Duty free goods were removed for the 91 passengers. However, flight officials refused to remove their luggage.

"They were trying to use

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## Tower disgrace

Lottery cash is needed for the "disgraceful" setting of the Tower of London. Page 8

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# NHS ambulance rides to rescue on 2,850-mile trip

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

AN NHS trust ambulance made a 2,850-mile round trip to bring a patient home from hospital in Spain and charged less than half the price of a London taxi for the job.

When Jean Ward tripped and dislocated her hip while visiting her sister near Alicante she was taken to a local hospital for an emergency operation. The treatment was successful but when her family in Britain tried to bring her

home complications began. Mrs Ward, 67, had no medical insurance and, with her leg in traction, faced six weeks in a hospital bed looked after by staff whose language she did not speak. Her son Alan investigated every form of transport by land, sea and air to bring his mother home. An air ambulance company quoted £17,000 to make the journey. A repatriation company wanted £4,500 and com-

mercial airlines said they would charge up to £2,000 to set up a stretcher plus the cost of nine seats to accommodate it. A boat was ruled out as too slow. That left land transport. Mr Ward said: "I would never have thought of asking an ambulance to collect her because it is a public service, but someone suggested we try, so we did."

Surrey Ambulance NHS Trust, in common with many others, has four private ambulances available for hire. Profits are ploughed back into the NHS.

Derek Swan, the manager, said: "She was stuck out there and no one was prepared to help. The family were at the end of their tether."

Mr Swan offered to do the round trip for £2,188 — 77p a mile — and the company Mr Ward works for, Esteban Engineering, agreed to put up the cash, which was later repaid by the family. A London taxi, clocking up the fare on the meter, would have charged £5,500 — about £2 a mile.

Mr Swan said: "It was a one-off price offered as a favour. We didn't lose on it; we are not allowed to."

The ambulance driven by paramedics Steve Banks and Diane Withers, accompanied by Mrs Ward's daughter Jennifer, took 30 hours to make the outward trip from Banstead, Surrey, to Orihuela, a village 20 miles south of Alicante, and 24 hours on the return to Stevenage, Hertfordshire, where Mrs Ward lives.

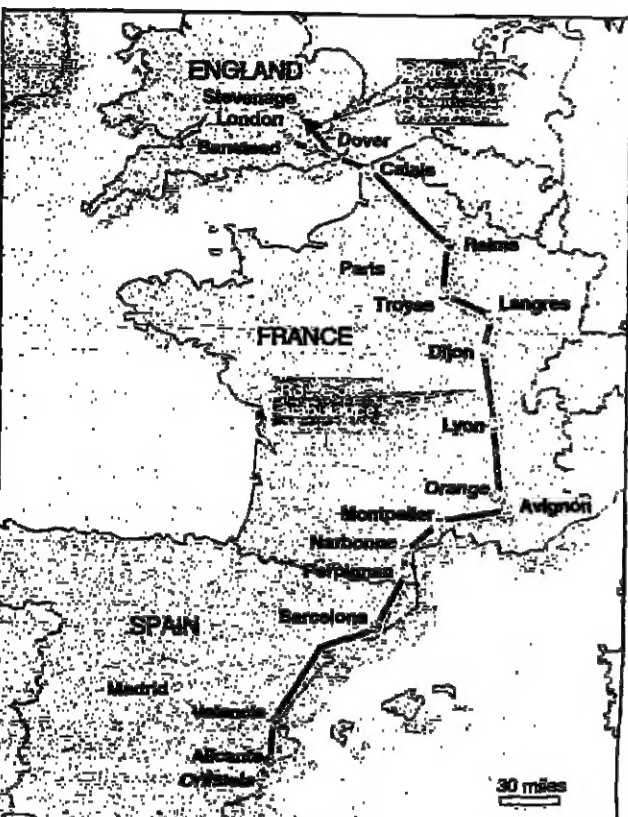
Mr Banks, 38, said: "We met every kind of weather: thick fog, torrential rain and 90 degree heat."

Mrs Ward said she never had a moment's hesitation about undertaking the journey. "I knew the best thing was to get on that ambulance and the quicker we got on with it the better. It was exhausting but the crew were brilliant."

Mrs Ward had travelled with her sister and they believed they were insured because they had bought their air tickets with her sister's Barclaycard. But the cover applied only to the holder of the card.



Steve Banks, who drove the ambulance from Surrey to Spain and then to Hertfordshire in 54 hours



Jean Ward recovering in her garden after the long-distance ride home

## Honour for father who saved daughter

By LIN JENKINS

A FATHER who gave part of his liver to save his baby daughter's life has been awarded the accolade "Top Dad" of the year.

David Ward made the donation to his daughter Lani, now aged three, after an operation for a life-threatening condition failed.

Mr Ward was the first father to donate part of his liver in that way. Two earlier operations had involved donor mothers. Michelle Ward was pregnant with her fourth child at the time and doctors said that the operation could not wait.

Mr Ward, 31, from Cockfield, West Sussex, volunteered to undergo tests to see if he would be suitable. When he was found to be a good match, he and his daughter had surgery at King's College Hospital in south London.

Lani, who was born with partially formed bile ducts that did not allow bile to drain from her liver, had her first operation when she was five weeks old. The procedure failed to rectify the problem and as she approached her first birthday it was decided that she needed part of a donor liver.

"She has been much better since the operation," said Mr Ward, who gave up about one third of his liver. "Any father would have done the same in the circumstances. I felt extremely fortunate to be able to help."

Lani, like her three brothers and sisters, believes her father is the best in the world. But it was her mother who nominated David for the award on Lani's behalf, wrote a brief account of what had happened and sent it to the award's organisers, the Guild of British Tie Makers.

Colin Deas, chairman of the guild, said that more than 500 children nominated their father as special for last year's award. "The award marks the forthcoming Fathers' Day, which, while it does not yet enjoy the high profile of Mothers' Day, provides children with the opportunity to give their special dads a pat on the back."

## Boy lives after being run over by lorry

By LIN JENKINS

A BOY aged two who was run over by a lorry and dragged down the road escaped with only minor injuries. Kierron Luck was recovering at home yesterday with only the tyre marks on his back, some large bruises and grazing.

PC Chris Marshall, who arrived as Kierron was being taken into an ambulance, said: "He should have died. It is unbelievable that he survived. He has got a lot of grazing and bruising but nothing is broken."

He believes Kierron slipped through the gate of the front garden on his home in Broxtowe, Nottingham, and began playing under the parked Mercedes lorry.

The lorry, which operates as a mobile shop, was parked while David Beck served customers on the estate. He got into the cab and drove off, unaware that the boy was underneath. Kierron's screams alerted bystanders who shouted at the driver and signalled to him to stop.

"When the van moved off he became tangled for a period of time and was dragged down the road for about ten yards. The driver then stopped and naturally he was very upset," PC Marshall said.

Sam Leatherland, 17, Kierron's half sister, pulled him out from under the lorry. "He was lying in the road screaming," she said.

He was taken to hospital and kept under observation before being allowed home at the weekend.

Children's bones are more flexible than adult ones and instead of snapping, often stretch and partially break like a fresh young shoot, hence the term "green-stick fracture" (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes).

It seems most unlikely that a two-year-old's rib cage could withstand being squashed beneath double wheels of a 7.5-tonne lorry. Pressures exerted by the lorry would not only damage the bones but rupture vital organs.

It is well known that small children do withstand injuries that would have killed adults but that is usually when they are able to bounce.

## Boy dies in sand quarry

AN ATTEMPT to save the life of a schoolboy trapped in a quarry under sand and rubble nearly cost the lives of four would-be rescuers.

Jordan Gibson, 9, and two friends had gone to play at the quarry near their home in Durham on Saturday evening. They were digging a cave into a soft, nearly vertical face of sand when the roof collapsed and trapped Jordan seven feet from the surface. Gavin Jeffries, 10, and Paul James, 11, clawed at the sand, trying to save him, before rushing to get help.

By the time the emergency services arrived, the boy's father Arthur had managed to clear the sand from his son's face and chest. A paramedic, Michael Midgely, went into the tunnel and put an oxygen mask on Jordan. But the sand collapsed again, trapping him with a policeman, a fireman and a neighbour. "The lad was up to his waist in the sand but there were no signs of life," Mr Midgely said last night.

Other rescuers dug them out, and Mr Midgely accompanied Jordan to Bishop Auckland hospital, trying in vain to revive him. Residents have called for the site where children play to be fenced off.

## Police want to question robber on M25 murder

By STEWART TENDLER AND JOANNA BALE

KENNETH NOYE, who stabbed and killed an undercover Scotland Yard detective investigating the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery, is wanted for questioning by Kent police about the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron on the M25.

Police sources said yesterday that Noye was among those whom detectives would like to eliminate from their list of possible suspects. Noye, who lives in West Kingsdown, Kent, near the scene of the

murder in Swanley last month, flew to Spain the day after and is believed to be there still. He was sentenced to 14 years in 1986 for his part in the Brink's-Mat robbery and was released in 1994 after serving eight years.

He is not regarded as a prime suspect for the killing but his name is among a number of leads. Detectives acknowledge that Noye is one of a number of people who appear to resemble the computer impression of the mur-

derer issued after the killing. They are also investigating what vehicles he has driven recently.

Noye was arrested in January 1985 after Detective Constable John Fordham was stabbed to death in the garden of his home. Detective Constable Fordham and other officers were hiding outside the house keeping watch on Noye as a suspect for laundering bullion from the robbery.

Fordham had been flushed out of his hide by Noye's dogs in the dark. At his trial, Noye said Fordham was dressed in black and prowling around his garden. He thought the policeman was a violent intruder and acted in self-defence. He was cleared of murder.

The parents of Mr Cameron spoke yesterday of the torment of knowing that his killer is still at large. Ken and Toni Cameron said his death was "a waste" that had ruined their lives. Mr Cameron said: "As long as they get him, I just can't wait for that day. Obviously, the longer it goes on the harder it is for us. Until this 'thing' is caught we can't even bury our son — we are just in limbo."



Kenneth Noye, left, and the computer impression of the man who stabbed Stephen Cameron to death



## Sorry, old chap, we're giving you a personal premature exit deal

By ALAN HAMILTON

HAS YOUR employer told you lately that he is rationalising, de-layering, restructuring or shaping up for tomorrow? Has he mentioned democratic streamlining, organisational realignment, production schedule rearrangement initiatives, or business process re-engineering? Tough luck: you're fired.

Bosses can no longer bring themselves to sack people. In this age of weasel wordage, they downsize, radically examine their overheads, re-focus their strategic direction, meet market imperatives, manage out, offer personal

premature exit agreements, or concentrate on core activities. It all comes to the same thing, buddy: you're out of a job.

The GMB general union estimates that nearly seven million workers have been sacked since 1979. To coincide with the opening of its conference in Blackpool today, it has used company reports and the first-hand experience of its officials to compile a list of 50 excuses for scrapping jobs.

Workers about to be handed their P45 are variously told that they have made themselves redundant, have priced themselves out of the market, are being given a career

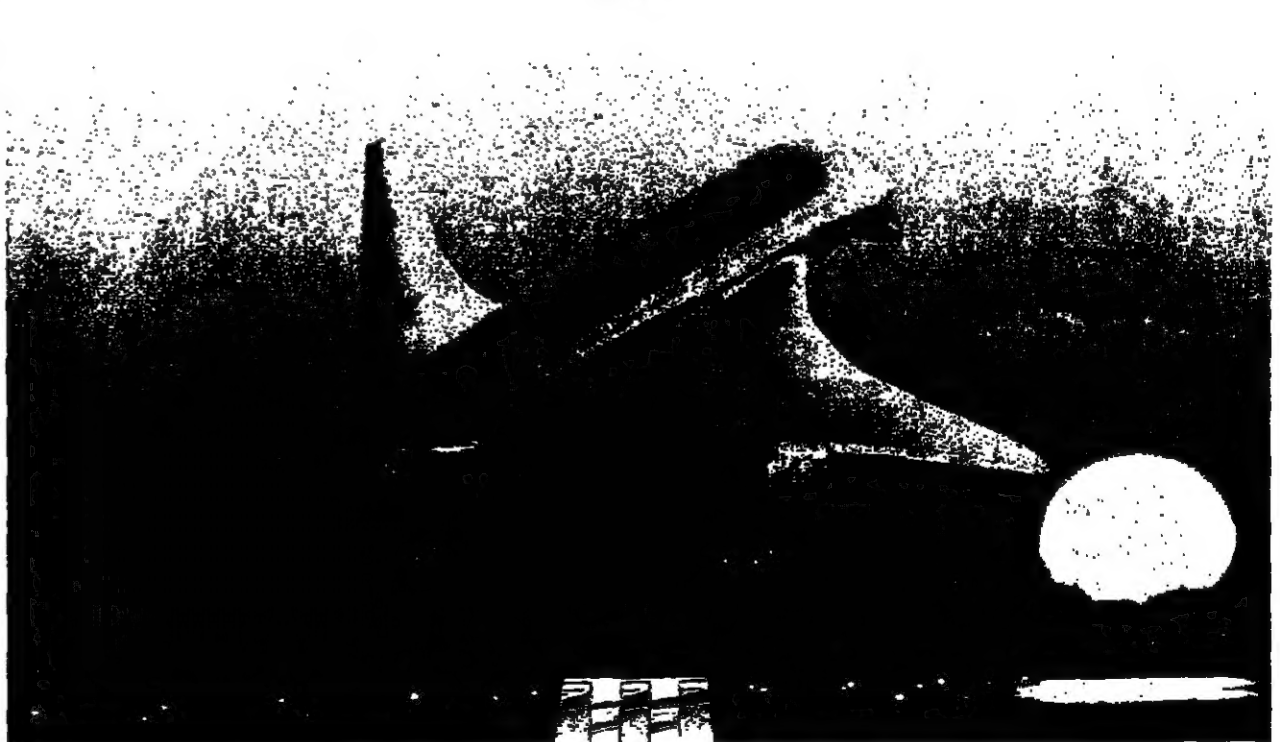
opportunity, being helped out of a rut, or are being offered a career realignment scheme. They are palmed off with excuses about intensely competitive markets, increasing capital effectiveness, detailed reviews of operations or intensified productivity drives.

Employers, lacking the guts to look workers in the eye, come up with excuses couched in cowardly double-speak. "We are creating flatter organisational structures" or "We are meeting market imperatives." They might, on the other hand, re-rate your future, or invite you to FIFO ("Fit in or ... — fill in the missing words yourself). The

survey follows an admission by Stephen Roach, an American academic who coined the word "downsizing", that his theory of sacking lots of workers may not be the answer to every business problem. It is a confession on a par with Dr Spock saying he did not have a clue about bringing up babies.

John Edmunds, general secretary of the GMB, said the management style of the 1980s needed consigning to the dustbin. "This approach to dealing with your staff is patronising and duplicitous. If the guru of downsizing has given up, then so should the managers of disinformation."

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Encouraging start to championship as fewer arrests are made than at the average FA Cup final

# Police praise goodwill of fans as Euro 96 kicks off

By JOHN GOODBODY, PAUL WILKINSON AND ADRIAN LEE

ONLY 44 fans were arrested in football-related incidents in London on Saturday, fewer than for the average FA Cup final, police said yesterday. The first Euro 96 matches were played with goodwill between supporters and low-key policing.

After the opening game at Wembley on Saturday, Commander John Funnell, who heads the policing of Euro 96 in London, praised the behaviour of the English and Swiss supporters, saying: "This is an encouraging start. Although this match was not one which gave us the greatest concern in terms of potential disorder from rival fans, it was very pleasing to see the overwhelming majority of the sell-out crowd behaving sensibly and enjoying the game." The atmosphere was the friendliest he could recall for an international, he added.

The only potential trouble was when a large crowd of English supporters heard that

about 300 Swiss supporters had gathered in Leicester Square. Police brought in vans, officers on horseback and dog-handlers and forced the Swiss supporters back into the square. Two English supporters were led away by police.

At Elland Road in Leeds, where Bulgaria drew 1-1 with Spain, the ground was less than three-quarters full although several thousand Spanish supporters made up with a constant drum beat and rhythmic chanting.

By the end of the match West Yorkshire Police reported no football-related arrests or incidents throughout the city. Superintendent George Robinson, in charge of policing the ground, said: "The crowd was noisy but very well behaved. It was a superb, friendly atmosphere throughout."

Well-rehearsed plans normally used for Leeds United's Premiership matches ensured

that rival supporters were kept well apart. However the authorities reported a smaller number of followers than predicted for the visiting national sides.

A free tented village set up on the outskirts of Leeds in the grounds of Temple Newsam House had fewer than half of its 2,000 places taken up.

In Sheffield, where yesterday's third match was played at Hillsborough, an extra 800 officers were on duty for the Denmark-Portugal game. All 39,750 tickets for the game were sold. All police leave and training for the 10 days of the preliminary matches has been cancelled.

South Yorkshire Police devised an elaborate traffic-management scheme to bring an estimated 500 coaches of rival supporters from opposite sides of the city to parking areas a quarter of a mile apart at opposite ends of the ground.

An officer boarded each coach to remind supporters to

leave prohibited items, from large flags to drinks cans, on the coach.

Police created a traffic-free area around the ground, preventing entry to people without valid tickets. Supporters were body-searched at the turnstiles and prohibited items confiscated. When Turkey plays on June 19, searchers will look for flares and other fireworks, which will be dumped in water-filled barrels.

Another Turkish tradition, of arriving at the ground up to six hours before kick-off to sing and chant, might cause difficulties as the ground is not due to open until three hours before the match. However if there is a build-up the gates will be opened earlier.

In Manchester, supporters from Germany and the Czech Republic mingled without trouble and police said there were no arrests before the game. "We are very pleased, we have had no problems at



Colin Weir, a Scotland supporter, resting up in Birmingham yesterday where his team takes on Holland today

the airport or in the city centre," a spokesman for Greater Manchester Police said.

More than 9,000 German and 6,500 Czech fans were expected in the city for its first match yesterday and began arriving on Saturday. Few ventured into the city centre and those who did chose not to wear shirts or scarves in their

team colours. Two German police officers, working as undercover "spotters" during the championship, went on patrol with their British counterparts.

Police in Birmingham are worried about the match tonight between Holland and Scotland, fearing that supporters may have bought up spare tickets outside their allocated

area of Villa Park. Colin Macdonald, the match-day commander, said police knew where the official Dutch and Scottish were sitting but they did not know the identities of some supporters in other parts of the stadium. Police were not happy with the situation, he said.

The Scottish Football Association have told me that they

take pride in their fans being better behaved than the English — it's not very hard," Mr Macdonald said.

If a Scots supporter is sitting beside a Dutch supporter and they are behaving then great. If they're going to play up, we will deal with them effectively."

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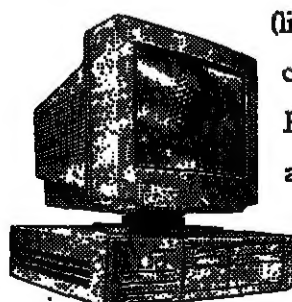
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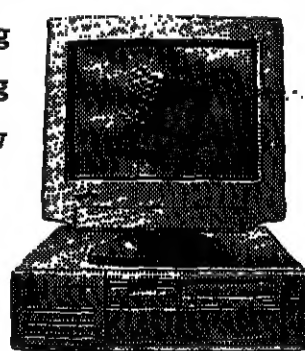
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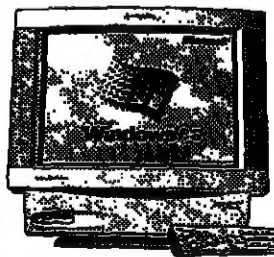
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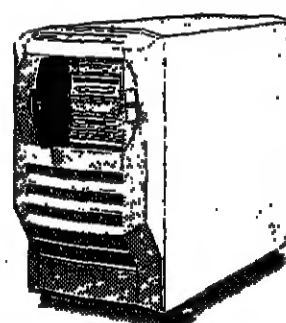
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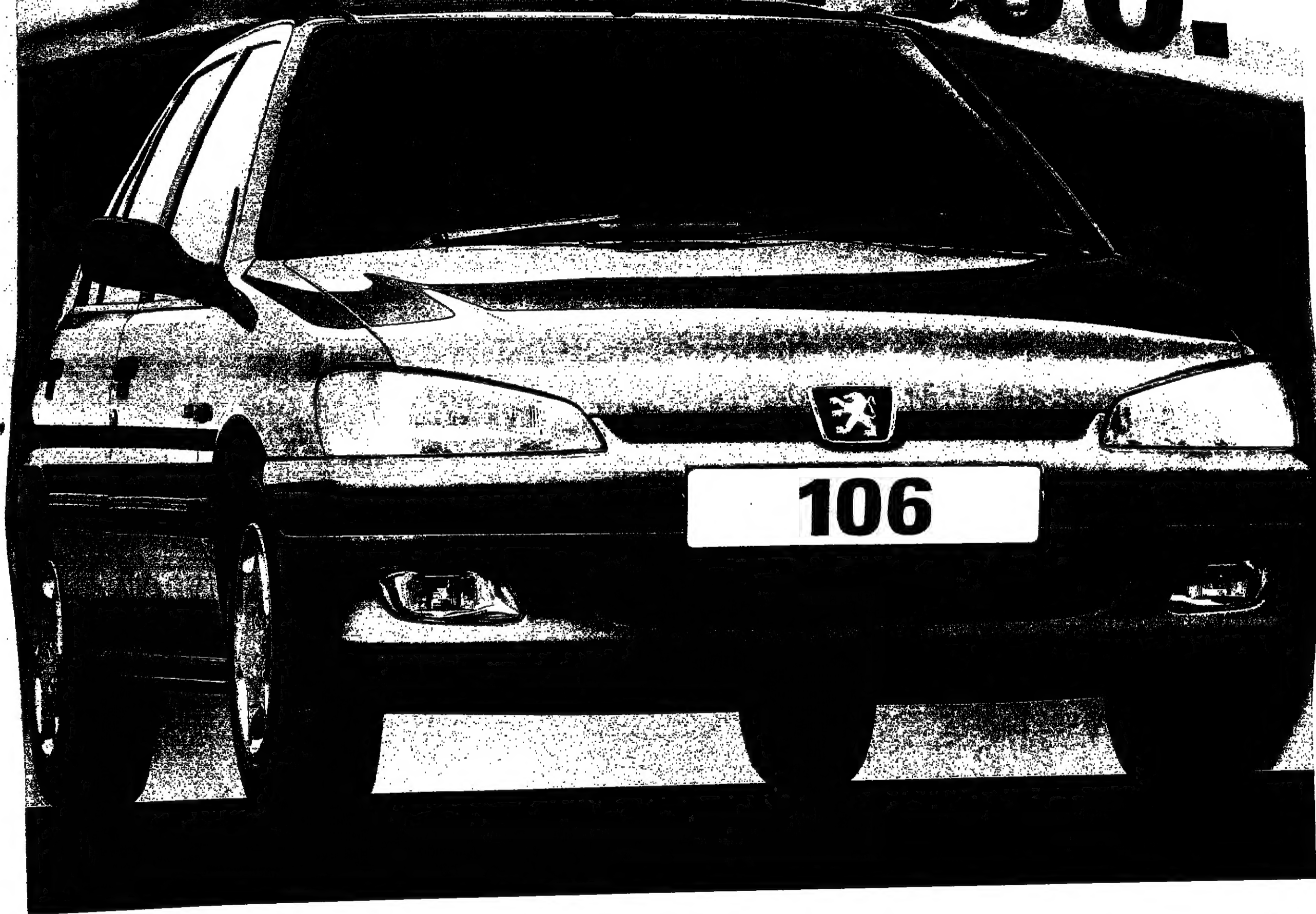
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A HEAD teacher has dismissed pupils from school for refusing to sing the *Star Spangled Banner* and *Jesus Christ* hymns. The headmaster maintained that the pupils were being disrespectful and that the school was not to become a school for the temporarily withdrawn.

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# Brave, but irritable: what head thought of Prince Philip

BY ALAN HAMILTON

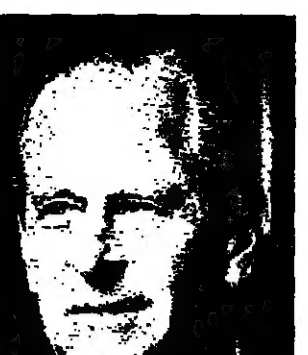
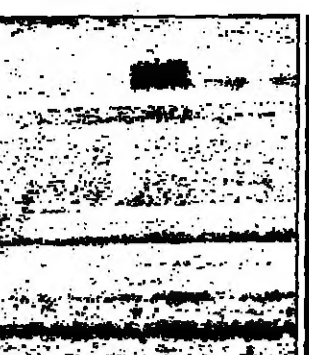
INTELLIGENT, courageous, with a strong sense of fair play, but a dangerously short fuse: the 1938 school report on the 17-year-old boy captures with rare accuracy the character of the later man.

The Duke of Edinburgh, 75 today, will be confronted with the assessment by his Gordonstoun headmaster for the first time in many years when he accompanies the Queen this morning to open an exhibition on his life, at the Guildhall in Windsor.

The report has been lent by Edinburgh University, which was given it by the Duke in 1952. Kurt Hahn, who established Gordonstoun after fleeing Nazi Germany, was remarkably perceptive about his star pupil.

"Prince Philip has unusual courage and endurance... and does not know what boredom is when intent on discharging his duties. The lure of the moment remains his danger... He has the makings of a first-class organiser: he is both kind and firm. As a leader of games he is at times too irritable."

Hahn describes Prince Philip's public spirit as "exemplary", and writes in the



Prince Philip, left to right, as a schoolboy in Paris, taking part in a "biscuit-eating race", competing in an inter-school high jump in 1935, when he was at Gordonstoun; and at 75

box marked *Sense of justice*: "Never failing where he has to consider other people's rights or interests: when balked in his plans, still inclined to jump to angry conclusions." That familiar short fuse again.

The Duke, who attended

Hahn's previous school in southern Germany in 1933, became *Guardian*, or head boy, in his final year at at Gordonstoun. Hahn, clearly wishing to impress Philip's guardian of the time, his uncle Earl Mountbatten, writes of the teenager's ac-

ademic prowess: "Prince Philip has literary appreciation. He has an unusual grasp of cause and effect in human affairs. This is particularly evident in his historical studies. He has a great talent for languages. His understanding of mathematical prob-

lems is sound. In scientific work he shows definite powers of observation."

That the young Prince was both observant and literate is shown by two pages from his log aboard *HMS Valiant* during the Battle of Cape Matapan in 1942, which

graphically describe his ship's encounter with two of the enemy when they thought there was only one.

Midshipman HRH Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, RN, was manning the searchlight. "The idea that there might have been another

ship with the one we were firing at never entered my head, so it was some few moments before I was persuaded to relinquish the blazing target and search for another one I had no reason to believe was there... As the enemy was so close, the light

did not illuminate the whole ship... The effect was rather like flashing a strong torch on a small model about 5 yards away." Prince Philip was mentioned in dispatches.

Tim O'Donovan, a retired insurance broker who gives *The Times* the number of engagements carried out by each member of the Royal Family during the previous year, contacted nearly 300 of the 500 organisations which the Duke is connected to assemble the exhibition for Windsor and Maidenhead Council.

The result is a roomful of photographs and letters illuminating a life of presenting, opening, planting and lecturing: souvenirs, from biscuit tins to powder compacts, depicting the Duke as a military idol and family photographer. One myth the exhibition tries to dispel is that the Duke is Greek. He is, if anything, Danish, but Mr O'Donovan could not persuade the Royal Archives at Windsor to lend the Duke's original Danish passport.

HRH Prince Philip 75th Birthday Exhibition: The Guildhall, High Street, Windsor, June 10-July 7. Admission £2.

## Opt-out schools cleared to select half their pupils

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to allow all grant-maintained schools to select up to 50 per cent of their pupils by aptitude are expected to be approved by the Cabinet this week, after a long-running battle between the Education Secretary and Downing Street.

A White Paper to be published later this month will also outline proposals to make it easier for any school to become a grammar school even when this is opposed by the local education authority.

Ballois may be held of parents and governors with the aim of ensuring that every large town has at least one grammar school. Last night Mrs Shephard denied that there was any rift between herself and the Prime Minister over the proposals but it appears that she has had to bow to Mr Major's demands for more selection.

The Downing Street Policy Unit had been pressing for more radical reforms. At present, grant-maintained schools can select only 10 per

cent of their pupils without referring to the Secretary of State. Mrs Shephard had agreed to extend this to 20 per cent but had balked at raising it to 50 per cent for all schools.

It is now thought that she has reached a compromise with Mr Major to allow schools to have varying levels of selection. Grant-maintained schools will be allowed a maximum of 50 per cent unless they apply formally to become a grammar school.

Comprehensive schools and specialist colleges which have not opted out of local authority control will be able to select between 15 and 20 per cent.

The White Paper will go to a Cabinet sub-committee this week. Education sources said there were still some aspects to be finalised but they expected the document to be approved.

The White Paper is expected to include a plan to allow a school to become a grammar school where this is supported by teachers, governors and parents - possibly through local ballots.

"We mean to make it very, very much easier for there to be selective schools, grammar schools, where parents and teachers and governors want it," Mrs Shephard said on GMTV's *Sunday Programme*. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, attacked the Government's plans. "A grammar school in every town would create thousands of secondary modern schools as parents and children are denied the right of entry to the school of their choice," he said.

This week John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, is expected to give a speech at Ruskin College, Oxford, defending the comprehensive system and emphasising the need for children to have equal opportunities. Mr Prescott last night denied reports that he disagreed with the call, made by Tony Blair on Friday, for pupils at comprehensive schools to be grouped according to ability, in certain subjects.

## Head's new job offer put on hold

A HEAD teacher who banned pupils from watching *Romeo and Juliet* because she maintained it was too heterosexual has had an offer to become a schools inspector temporarily withdrawn.

The Office for Standards in Education has taken the step because Jane Brown, head of Kingsmead Primary School in Hackney, east London, is involved in an industrial tribunal case concerning allegations of race discrimination against a black teacher, which she denies.

The decision by Ms Brown to prevent her pupils from seeing the play caused an outcry among politicians and some teachers. She later apologised.

## German students 'better at maths'

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GERMAN pupils perform better at mathematics than their British peers because more is expected of them, a report published today claims.

A comparison of examination papers found German students were often required to think problems through, while GCSE and national curriculum questions gave more help with solutions. Sue Chandler, an experienced A-level and GCSE textbook writer and author of the report, said the English and Welsh question papers tended to break down the stages of calculations and demanded less initiative.

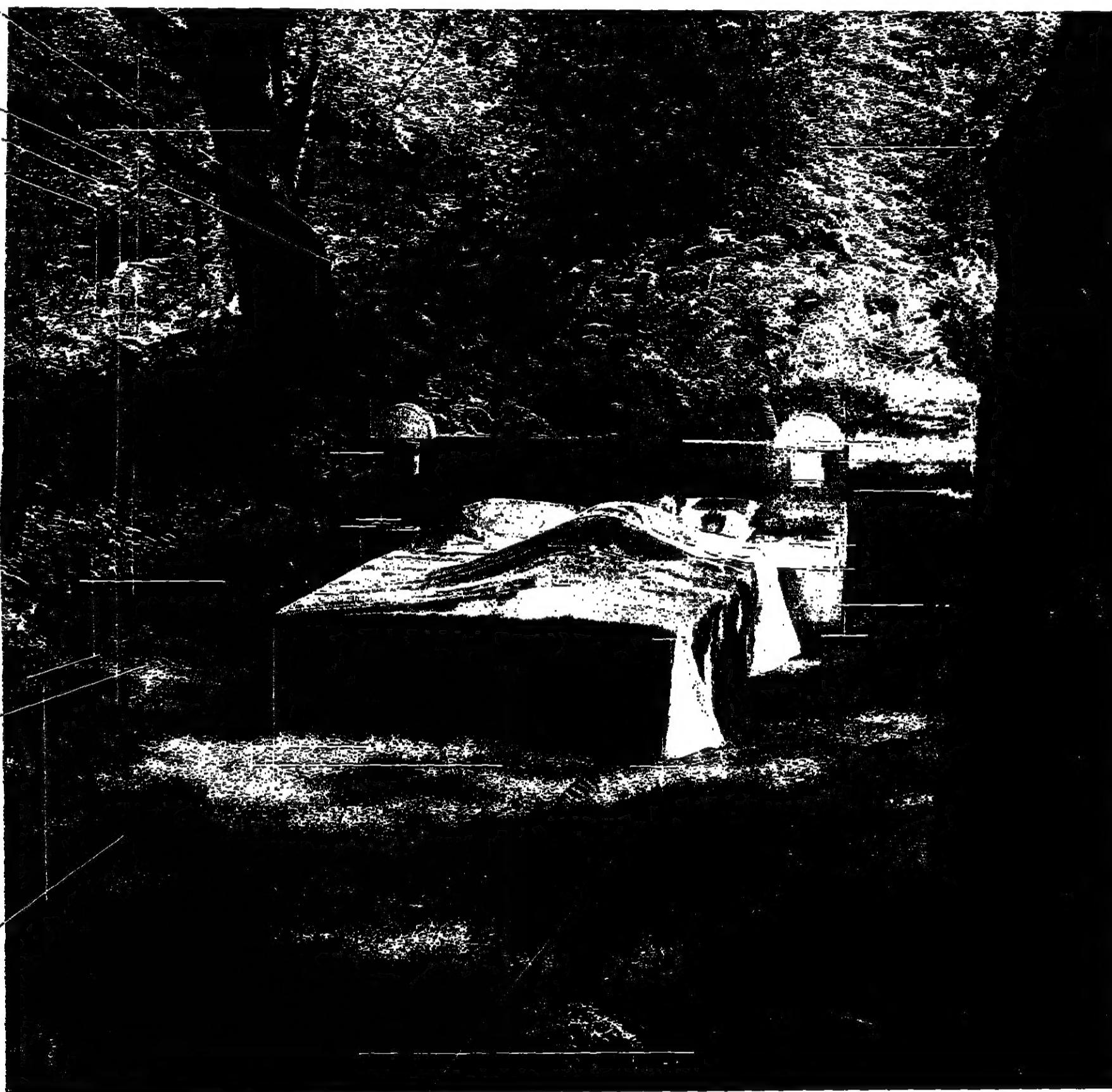
However, a leading examination board described some of her evidence as superficial and a "slight on teachers". The report will add to the controversy surrounding the teaching of mathematics. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said last week that more whole-class teach-

ing was needed to improve children's grasp of the basics.

Ofted, the school inspection agency, will publish its own international comparison of achievement in mathematics and science next month, showing primary school children in this country are up to two years behind their contemporaries in parts of Europe and the Far East.

Ms Chandler compared examination questions for the lowest achievers at GCSE, aged 16, and for Bavarian *Hauptschule* students, aged 15. The German paper asked for the volume of an irregularly shaped object with given dimensions, while the GCSE paper wanted the area of the base and triangular faces of the net of a pyramid, and its total area.

She said this was one of many examples where there was no incentive for GCSE students to break down a problem themselves.



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## Mellor criticises festival 'fumble'

By Alice Thomson

DAVID MELLOR told the Government yesterday that its planning for the millennium celebrations was on the point of becoming "a complete fumble".

The former National Heritage Secretary made clear that he thought Virginia Bottomley, the current incumbent, had made a mess of the proposed grand exhibition at Greenwich and that the project would not live up to expectations.

Mr Mellor said that Mrs Bottomley, who is in charge of the Greenwich festival, lacked any sense of leadership. "The festival is on the edge of becoming a complete fumble, and quite frankly — ineptitude into which we have plunged on this matter must be resolved urgently."

His intervention, on ITV's *CrossTalk*, puts even more pressure on Mrs



Mellor and Bottomley: leadership questioned

Bottomley over the festival, which seems increasingly likely to be scrapped. The Greenwich project has been awarded £200 million of National Lottery funds if it can come up with £150 million by this Friday and a further £150 million from tourist revenues.

Few companies have shown interest in sponsorship and it has recently become apparent that it will be extremely expensive to renovate the disused gasworks on the site.

Mr Mellor said "I think we should have had some great millennium buildings. But with 3½ years to go we will only be able to have something monumental by the next millennium."

Mrs Bottomley said yesterday: "We have got a good site, a wonderful designer, imagination and a thrilling concept." She was confident the money would be found.

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## English Heritage urges £100m facelift for Tower

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

THE setting of the Tower of London is a national disgrace that shames one of the world's most famous monuments, according to Sir Jocelyn Stevens, the outspoken chairman of English Heritage.

Sir Jocelyn is calling for an estimated £100 million of lottery money to be spent on replacing the "disgusting" five-lane highway that blights the main approach to the 900-year-old castle. Tourists arriving at Tower Hill Underground station have to walk through a tunnel under the fume-filled road to reach the entrance to Britain's fourth biggest tourist attraction.

There is something so disgusting about that terrible road, the width of it and the ugliness of it and having to arrive through that hideous tunnel," said Sir Jocelyn. "The whole thing is just a mess. What happened to this city in the 1960s and 1970s is such a crime."

Sir Jocelyn is urging the Tower authorities to bid for lottery funding to replace the road with open parkland. He wants improvement plans

being submitted to the lottery grants bodies in the autumn by the Historic Royal Palace Agency to include the "dream solution" of a tunnel from the station to the Tower. He met Major-General Geoffrey Field, the Resident Governor of the Tower, last week to discuss the proposals.

They would give tourists a spectacular uninterrupted view of the Tower, which attracts 2.5 million visitors a year and is one of only two world heritage sites in London. Currently all but the highest battlements are hidden from view by A1203 Tower Hill road.

Sir Jocelyn said the project could be carried out over five years to spread out the cost and minimise disruption. "What is five years in the history of England? It is just the flicker of an eyelid."

He added: "There is now a new mood about in looking at grand projects like this. Money is being distributed in large quantities to some thrilling schemes and there has been a dramatic change in the Government's attitude to traf-



Stevens: lottery money could pay for scheme

fic in London. Now just about every project is thinkable.

"The English are so starved of new ideas and are always being told they will never happen. That is what I was told when I first called for a tunnel under Stonehenge. If we can now contemplate a final solution for Stonehenge when it seemed completely impossible in 1990, then why not the same sort of solution for the Tower of London?"

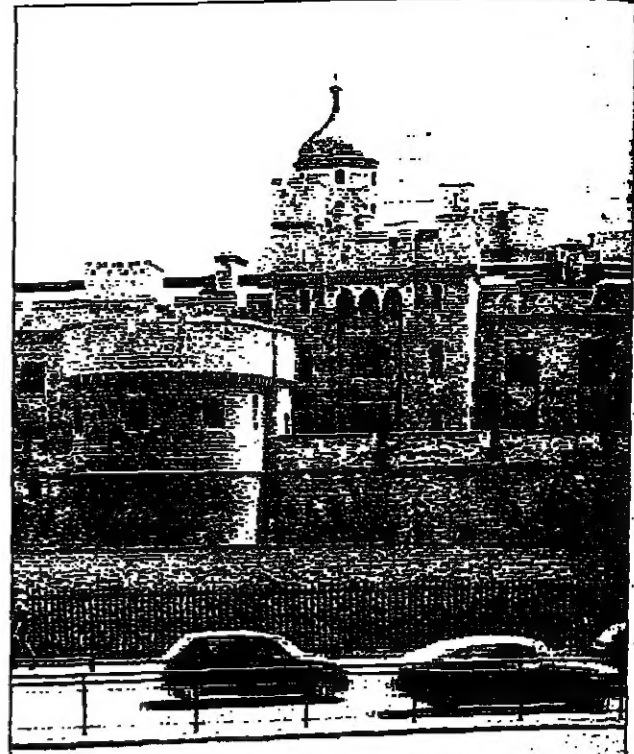
Proposals being considered

by the Tower Environs Scheme, a joint venture project involving HRP, Tower Hamlets Council, the Port of London Authority and Taylor Woodrow, include clearing the clutter of kiosks and souvenir booths around the Tower, better ticket facilities, "landscaping" the A100 Tower Bridge Approach road to make it less intrusive, a new river jetty, and possibly filling in the moat around the Tower.

English Heritage, the Government's statutory adviser on historic monuments, is not directly responsible for the Tower but would have a crucial say in any plans.

Sir Jocelyn's intervention is the latest high-profile campaign he has led to remove roads from some of Britain's most famous tourist attractions. In November last year he enraged the Government by demanding a tunnel for the A303 road as it passes by Stonehenge, an option that is now under serious consideration by ministers.

He has also led calls for the removal of a busy road that separates two of the most popular attractions in Greenwich in southeast London.



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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### New test confirms bat rabies

The Agriculture Ministry confirmed yesterday that a second set of tests have shown that a bat which bit two women was carrying the rabies virus. Sheila Wright, who is expecting her third child, was bitten when a woman who found the bat in Newhaven, East Sussex, took it to her at a bat conservation sanctuary. She is undergoing a 28-day course of preventative treatment.

#### Shark rescue fails

Wildlife experts and holiday-makers failed to save a 12ft basking shark washed up on a beach at Tenby, Dyfed. Volunteers from the Welsh Marine Life Rescue organisation worked for nearly six hours to help the creature stranded by the low tide.

#### Worms' victory

Amber Valley Council has refused planning permission for Cyril Marshall, 80, to build a house in Coxen, Derbyshire, because it says male glow-worms living near by would confuse the electric lighting with the green glow produced by fertile females.

#### Strippers stopped

A strip show to raise money for a cancer charity has been cancelled. Organisers of the Crab appeal in Birmingham said a "table-dancing" show to be held at the home of the chairman of the executive committee was not an appropriate fund-raising venture.

#### Death fall

Harry Greener, 39, a scaffolder from Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, fell to his death as he climbed to a window after his girlfriend locked him out of their home after an argument. He was found by colleagues collecting him for work.

#### Cosmo bares all

Naked men are to appear in *Cosmopolitan* for the first time in 20 years as the magazine tries to attract younger readers. It approached 30 famous men, including John Major, but all declined. The identity of the four who agreed is secret.

#### Statue mutilated

Vandals have sawn off the genitals of a bronze statue of an ancient Irish elk. The 14ft statue, standing on high ground overlooking the main road from Cork to Mallow, was put up two years ago after a £20,000 competition run by Cork County Council.

### Hygiene checks put diners at risk

By Ian Murray

THOUSANDS of restaurants and snack bars are escaping inspections necessary to ensure safe standards of hygiene and cleanliness because of inefficiencies by local councils, according to an Audit Commission survey. Some of the most popular tourist centres and resorts are among the most dangerous places in which to eat out.

Figures showing the percentage of inspections carried out by each local authority in England and Wales are issued by the commission today to mark the start of National Food Safety Week. The public watchdog's statistics show that only a quarter of authorities are making all their scheduled inspections.

Although an average of 80 per cent of all premises are being properly checked, there are some areas where the inspection rate falls below one in five. Bad organisation and failure to set the right priorities are most often to blame.

The number of serious reported cases of food poisoning is also rising rapidly. Last year there were 85,000, five times more than 10 years ago.

The Public Health Laboratory Service, in its latest report, suggests the increase is almost certainly due to the growing number of people eating out. Half the reported cases needed hospital treatment at a cost of £30 million to the health service.

The large increase in the number of places selling meals has put an added burden on councils, which have a specific duty to inspect all food premises at different intervals according to the level of risk in different types of establishment.

The inspections are the responsibility of environmental health officers, whose checks must be carried out regularly to ensure that hygiene standards are maintained.

Authorities inspecting 40 per cent or less of premises: London: Waltham Forest, 13 per cent; Hounslow, 21 per cent; Islington, 38 per cent; Brent, 39 per cent; Metropolitan Authorities: Rochdale, 21 per cent; Sheffield, 21 per cent.

Districts: Plymouth, 15 per cent; Hambleton (North Yorkshire), 24 per cent; Bolsover, 28 per cent; Castle Point (Essex), 28 per cent; Blackpool, 35 per cent; Wansbeck (Northumberland), 36 per cent; Hull, 39 per cent; East Yorkshire, 39 per cent; Bath, 40 per cent.

Wales: Llanelli, 27 per cent; Islwyn (Gwent), 40 per cent.



### SHARE SHOPS



# New jets put pilots of future at risk from blacking out

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN ALARMINGLY high number of jet fighter pilots experience momentary blackouts under extreme conditions, research in Britain and the United States has shown. Nearly 20 per cent of RAF pilots, including trainees, experienced loss of consciousness and in the US 30 per cent of F16 pilots suffered blackouts, the unpublished research has disclosed. Although there is no evidence that RAF pilots have crashed after blacking out, 24 US Air Force pilots are understood to have been killed after losing consciousness while flying F16s in fast-turn manoeuvres.

The F16 is more agile and can fly much tighter turns than the Tornado used by the

RAF. There is concern that the risk will be far higher for pilots when the Eurofighter and the American F22 come into service because they have been designed to go from zero G-force to 9G or 10G in less than half a second during tight combat turns.

The RAF is having to develop life-support equipment and training methods for Eurofighter pilots. Without special measures, pressures would force all the blood downwards, leading to instant unconsciousness. Those involved in RAF research say that in spite of all the steps being taken there could be no guarantee of eliminating the risk of blackouts.

The Eurofighter is due to

come into service in 2002. Test pilots flying the three prototypes have not yet put them through maximum G-force turns.

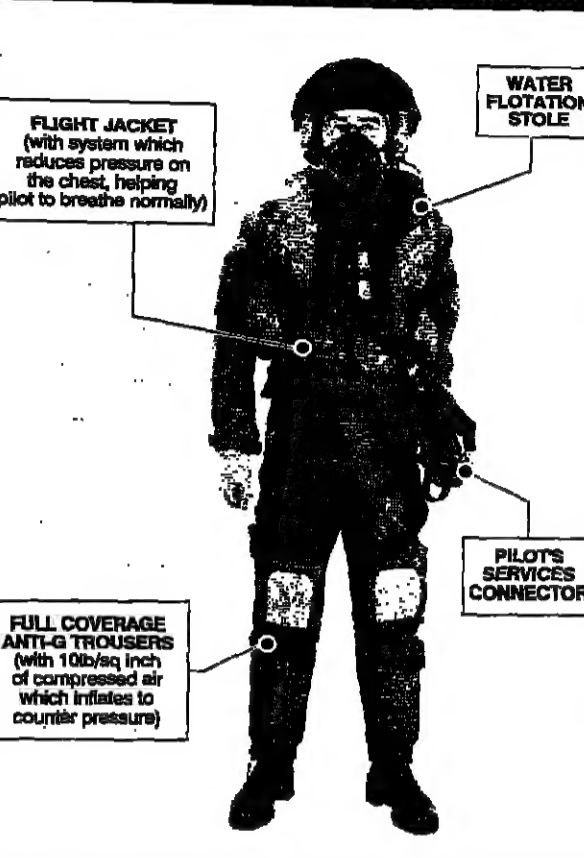
Centrifuge equipment for training Eurofighter pilots is inadequate because it can simulate 0G to 9G in only eight seconds, totally unrealistic for pilots of the 21st century. The RAF School of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, Hampshire, which has spent the past few years developing special life-support systems for Eurofighter pilots, is soon to announce the winner of a competition for supplying an advanced centrifuge.

By 1998 pilots will be strapped into the rotating arm of the centrifuge and face a virtual-reality dogfight under 9G and 10G "tight turn" conditions. The challenge for Eurofighter pilots is that the aircraft has been designed to be inherently unstable in order to create maximum agility and manoeuvrability. With the benefit of the most advanced computers, the Eurofighter will be able to twist and turn instantly at the touch of a switch. A blackout under such conditions could prove fatal because by the time the pilot has regained consciousness, the aircraft would be hurtling out of control.

Air Commodore Anthony Nicholson, commandant at the RAF School of Aviation Medicine, said Eurofighter pilots would be operating in a "high-G world". To counteract the risk of blackouts, researchers have designed anti-G trousers filled with compressed air that inflate to counter the sudden surge of blood to the lower part of the body.

A system has been devised for the flight jacket that reduces pressure on the pilot's chest and helps him to breathe normally by a process that squeezes the blood upwards.

## FLIGHT SUITS: THE NEXT GENERATION



## Labour pledges to restore Tory frontline defence cuts

By MICHAEL EVANS

AN INCOMING Labour government would undertake a strategic defence review with the aim of reversing damaging cuts in the Armed Forces' support services, according to party sources.

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, and a team of advisers who have been drawing up defence strategy, are convinced that the Tories' Frontline First cuts have creat-

ed unacceptable pressures on the services. Although the intention of the Government was to make savings in "the tail" of the Armed Forces, in order to create more money for frontline troops, Labour believes the cuts are too deep.

One source said: "British soldiers in Bosnia have the latest equipment to help them with their peacekeeping duties but if the equipment goes wrong, they need the experts from the support services to

get it sorted out. They need to be in the front line."

Reversing the damage without increasing overall defence spending will be one of the pledges expected in Labour's foreign policy and defence strategy to be outlined next week in a document called *Britain in the World*. Labour intends to keep spending to the existing £21 billion a year and will also promise to maintain the Trident nuclear submarine deterrent.

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Staves at the ready, the 1st Hampstead Scout Troop prepares to learn the manly virtues out on patrol soon after its formation in 1908

## Pioneer troop could close for lack of a leader

By JOANNA BALE

ONE of Britain's first Scout troops is about to close unless a leader can be found for its 22 members. The 1st Hampstead was set up in 1908 in northwest London, in the same year that Robert Baden-Powell established the Scouting movement for boys.

Ian Fraiss, Hampstead's Assistant Commissioner for Scouts, has been standing in since its last leader left when his job moved to Bristol two years ago. Because of other commitments, Mr Fraiss will leave next month and the troop will close unless a new leader can be found.

According to the troop's 1912 log-book in Burgh House museum, Hampstead, it was formed by a boy called Victor Crowe, who lived in Hampstead High Street. Crowe requested help from an Army captain called Colborne Pearce in setting up the group, which practised Scouting on Hampstead



Map-reading in a more relaxed age for present members of the 1st Hampstead

Heath. According to the log-book, it was the first troop in Britain to appear in the traditional uniform of shorts, shirt, scarf and hat. Captain Pearce wrote: "Oh, the ridicule endured! You

present members know nothing of it... Did we mind? Were we downhearted? No! Scouts don't care anything for ridicule, and pioneers always expect to meet with opposition. We stuck to work

with a 'never say die' determination to win through and clear the road for other Scouts to follow."

movement. They visited Sunderland and the West Country.

Mr Fraiss said yesterday: "This is one of the first Scout groups in Britain — it could even be the first — so it would be a great shame to close it down. Unfortunately there is a severe shortage of Scout leaders in central London — people just do not seem willing to give up a little of their free time to help run it."

"Contrary to what most people think, it is a very up-to-date organisation which offers children challenges and responsibility. The group is a mixture of boys from different backgrounds who are all keen to continue. All we need is someone with lots of enthusiasm to take it over. We have tried advertising and leafletting but no one has come forward."

The group has 22 members, who meet every Monday night and enjoy activities such as camping, climbing and mountain biking.

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# Peace kept in Pale after portrait of a warmonger disappears

Principles and Realpolitik are at war again in Bosnia-Herzegovina, consider the revealing episode of the compromise over Radovan Karadzic's portrait.

In Pale, "capital" of the Bosnian Serb republic, a room is set aside for the use of officers from the 11or peace-keeping force who hold press conferences there. An official picture of the shaggy-haired ex-psychiatrist and war criminal who runs the republic once adorned the room. Dr Karadzic is, nominally, the most wanted man in the Balkans.

The 11or officers using the room made a bold request: could the picture possibly be



taken down? It did not seem quite right that peacekeepers should appear on CNN with portraits of wanted war criminals in the background to remind the audience that people like Dr Karadzic are not running

much risk of arrest. The picture came down. Dr Karadzic himself remains in power and at liberty.

The first aim of the Dayton accord on Bosnia was separation: of the combatants, and of the combatants from their heavy weapons. Those requirements have, more or less, been met. Dayton says that the next stage is to glue things back together. Refugees should go home and the tribal enclaves be knitted into one state. In other words, the hard — perhaps impossible — part starts now.

The alphabet-soup organisations such as 11or, the OSCE and the EU meet in Florence this week to con-

plate an appallingly tight timetable. A local election is supposed to be held in the shattered town of Mostar at the end of the month. Elections across Bosnia are due in mid-September.

In the middle of all this on June 27, Richard Goldstone of the war crimes tribunal in The Hague plans to disclose fresh evidence about the killing of Muslims by Serbs in Srebrenica. The judge is angry at 11or's reluctance to arrest Dr Karadzic and his military counterpart, General Ratko Mladic.

The most important deadline was imposed as the price of sending 18,000 Americans in the first place: they must

begin leaving by December 31. Since President Clinton is up for re-election in November, they will leave on time.

The policy being pursued in Bosnia is the lowest common denominator that can be agreed and achieved in the short time available, subject to one condition of overriding importance: American casualties must be avoided. "Body-bag phobia" is a powerful force in American politics. 11or is the only real power the outsiders have in Bosnia and its risk-averse style is set by Nato. Nato's style is set by America.

Any idea of arresting Dr Karadzic, General Mladic

and about 40 other killers stays on hold to avoid provoking the violent stand-offs which the arrests would cause. 11or has refused responsibility for the huge task of guaranteeing the safety of returning refugees: a few weeks ago troops turned back "for their own safety" hundreds of Muslims and Croats going to visit family graves in Serb-controlled land.

Europe and America grumble at each other. Since the plan to build a "united, tolerant, multi-ethnic" Bosnia will not succeed, people are manoeuvring to avoid the blame. Richard Holbrooke, the American architect of Dayton, says that excessive

European bureaucracy and timidity are messing up the reconstruction effort. American senators and congressmen are getting restive over the failure to capture and try Dr Karadzic and General Mladic.

The rows rumble but do not explode. The disagreements are as nothing compared to the Anglo-European splits over Bosnia in the early 1990s and for a simple reason: there are US Marines on foot patrol in Bosnia. Any politician opening his mouth a little too wide could get them killed. Bob Dole's only foreign policy attack on President Clinton so far dealt with China, not Bosnia.

As long as American and European soldiers share the risks on the ground, American and European governments cannot split over strategy or tactics.

The grandees of Nato recently got together in Berlin to discuss fresh plans for transatlantic co-operation on security.

The real version already exists in Bosnia: governments reluctantly yoked into an alliance which must stay together for fear of something worse — a little bit like couples ready to divorce who stay together for the sake of the children.

GEORGE BROCK



Graf denies knowing about any fraud

## Pressure on Graf increases

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

PRESSURE is increasing on Steffi Graf with today's claim by *Der Spiegel* magazine that she had intimate knowledge of a plan to cheat the German tax authorities.

Ms Graf denies all knowledge of tax fraud. Her father Peter and her accountant, however, are in prison awaiting trial this summer on charges of trying to channel some of her earnings into dummy companies established in The Netherlands and Lichtenstein.

The *Spiegel* disclosures, drawn from a book written by journalists from the magazine, accuse the tennis player directly.

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## Stalinist ghosts dog Zyuganov in race to capture Kremlin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

TO THE sound of marching brass bands and the smiles of mini-skirted cheerleaders, Russia's Communists made a final attempt at the weekend to inject some colour and vigour into their lacklustre presidential campaign.

With a week to go to voting, and opinion polls showing President Yeltsin increasing his lead over Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, several thousand Communists rallied to cheer their leaders, wave red flags and chant victory slogans.

Young Communists — identifiable by their T-shirt slogan, "The young choose Zyuganov" — whooped as their leaders vowed to unseat President Yeltsin and return the Kremlin to Communist rule.

"We will lead the people not to the past but to the future," said Mr Zyuganov, who helped to rebuild the Communist Party into the most powerful political organisation in Russia after its near-collapse five years ago. "We will rely not on concentration camps, not on an Iron Curtain, not on prison labour but on modern culture, the best Russian and Soviet traditions."

At Saturday's rally Mr Zyuganov quoted extensively

from the Bible, comparing Mr Yeltsin to a "beast from Hell", and drew heavily on Russian Orthodox imagery to appeal to the nationalist vote.

If the rally helped to boost morale among the Communist faithful and gain some valuable publicity in the Yeltsin-dominated media, it also exposed the party's glaring contradictions and weaknesses. The few hundred



youngsters brought in to vitalise the event were heavily outnumbered by the elderly rank-and-file of the party, whose average age at the rally must have been near 60. The use of religious symbols was also unconvincing, since many of those in the audience held up portraits and placards in memory of Lenin and Stalin, who were responsible

for destroying churches and executing priests.

There was also the central problem of the ideological differences between the alliance of left-wing and nationalist groups backing Mr Zyuganov's candidacy. While the Communist leader projected himself as a centrist and a pragmatist, others with him on stage were less coy.

Viktor Anpilov, a diehard Marxist-Leninist who is an integral part of the Zyuganov coalition, gave a fiery address which received a standing ovation. "We will win because Lenin is with us, Stalin is with us, and Russia is with us," he cried.

The effect left many observers even more confused than before about what today's Russian Communists really stand for, and what kind of government they would bring to the Kremlin if Mr Zyuganov wins on Sunday.

According to the latest opinion poll, published on Saturday in the *Moscow Times*, Mr Yeltsin, who has run a well-organised campaign, has increased his support to 34.5 per cent. Mr Zyuganov is trailing with 19.9 per cent.

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Two of the gate-crasher sculptors, Bjorn, right, and Bob'Art, being interviewed for television in front of their work in the Place de la Concorde in Paris yesterday

## Sculptors show their metal

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THREE young sculptors yesterday gate-crashed one of the most prestigious open-air exhibitions of recent times, placing their unheralded work alongside that of Rodin and Picasso.

The woman from the city hall was flustered. "It is very pretty," she said, looking up at the giant sculpture that had appeared overnight in the Place de la Concorde. "But it will have to go."

Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn, the three young artists, merely shrugged. "It is a nice feeling to be in such company," Royon said, "and we are in no hurry to take it away."

Penniless and unknown, he had become fed up with working to produce sculptures for minor exhibitions ignored by the public. So when Paris City Council announced that it was to display dozens of the world's most famous works in the Place de la Concorde and the Champs Elysées, the three artists decided to strike.

At 6am yesterday Royon, Bob'Art and Bjorn — they refuse to give their real names — manoeuvred their three-tonne metal sculpture onto the pavement opposite Fernand Léger's creation *La fleur qui marche*. "We are not trying to make a statement," said Royon, 24. "We just wanted our work to be seen by a lot of people."

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# Clinton promises to stop black church burnings

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS YET another distraught black minister surveyed the charred wreckage of his church over the weekend, President Clinton promised to do all in his power to end an epidemic of arson attacks on Southern black churches inspired by racial hatred.

"This must stop," Mr Clinton said shortly after the 93-year-old wooden sanctuary of the Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, became the 30th black church destroyed by fire in the past 18 months. "Every family has the right to expect that when they walk into a church or synagogue or mosque each week they will find a house of worship, not the charred remains of a hateful act done by cowards in the night."

"As President, I am determined to do everything in my power to get to the bottom of these church burnings as quickly as possible. No matter how long it takes, no matter where the leads take us, we

will devote whatever resources are necessary to solve these crimes."

Mr Clinton used his weekly radio address from the Oval Office to announce measures that include setting up a telephone hotline for informants, the dispatch of federal agents to advise Southern churches how to protect themselves, and support for legislation facilitating the prosecution of those responsible.

He also called on Americans to "rise up as a national community" against a crime-wave that "harkens back to a dark era in our nation's history". He was referring to the countless attacks on black churches during the civil rights battles of the 1950s and 1960s that reached their climax with the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in which four children died.

"We must come together, black and white alike, to smother the fires of hatred that fuel this violence," he



Luther King: churches burnt on anniversary

said, and called on whites to "roll up their sleeves" and help rebuild the churches.

As Mr Clinton spoke, a bank offered a reward of \$500,000 (£325,000) for information about the arsonists and Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, met ministers from the burnt churches to discuss the progress of the federal investigations.

One church, the Macedonia Baptist Church of South Carolina, sued the Christian

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan after two of the white supremacist group's members were arrested in connection with a couple of the arson attacks. More than 200 federal agents are working with local police forces on the cases.

Since 1990 fires have been set in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas, and in the few cases where the arsonists have been caught they have all been white men, some linked to groups such as the KKK, the Aryan Nation or Skinheads for White Justice.

In 1993 three white teenagers chose the twenty-fifth anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination to destroy two black churches near McComb, Mississippi, using hymn books and artificial flowers as kindling.

Last January, after the burning of the Knoxville Inner City Baptist Church in Tennessee, police officers found graffiti on the charred remains that read "Die Niggers" and "Die Nigger Lovers".

## America deplores Chinese atom test

Tokyo: The United States, alone among the world's five declared nuclear powers, criticised China for staging a nuclear test at the weekend. "We urge China to refrain from further nuclear tests and to join in a moratorium," a White House statement said.

Britain and France gave a muted response to the blast, while Russia made no comment. Italy, which holds the presidency of the European Union, regretted the test, and New Zealand deplored it.

The blast, which registered 5.7 on the Richter scale, was the 44th nuclear explosion at the Lop Nor underground test site since experiments started in 1964. (Reuters)

## Iraqi weapons site destroyed

Baghdad: A United Nations germ warfare team is dismantling Iraq's main biological weapons site at al-Hakam, 50 miles south of the capital, a senior UN arms official said.

Under the Gulf War ceasefire terms, Iraq is to be stripped of weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce them. A second team, which included 20 experts on ballistic missiles and chemical arms, arrived in Baghdad to dispose of other banned weapons. (Reuters)

## Tigers kill 17

Colombo: Tamil Tiger guerrillas killed 17 soldiers in an attack on an army camp in eastern Sri Lanka, defence officials said. Army and police reinforcements were delayed by rebel ambushes. (Reuters)

## Max Factor dies

Los Angeles: Max Factor, who turned his Russian-born immigrant father's company into one of the world's largest cosmetics enterprises, died of heart failure here, aged 91. (Reuters) Obituary, page 23

## Kashmir killings

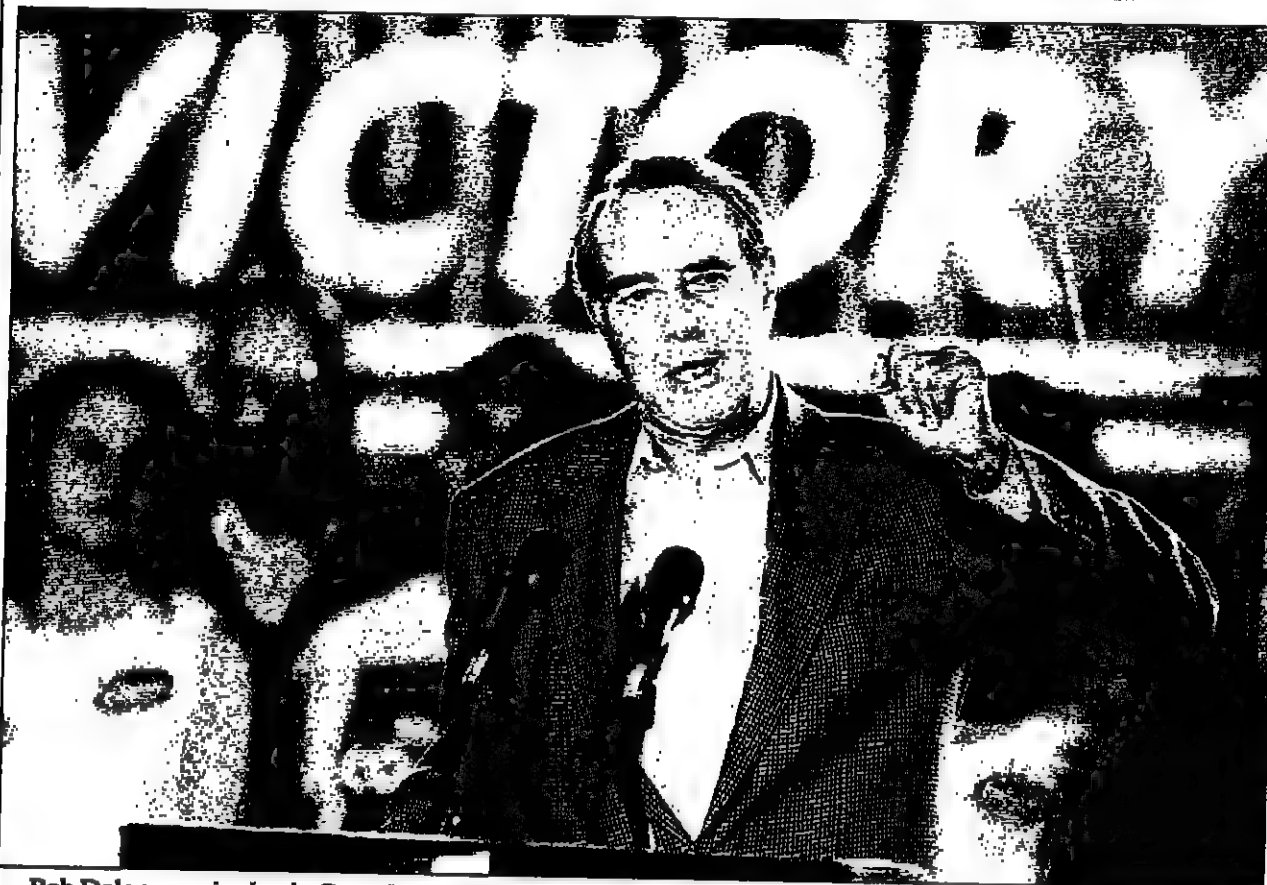
Srinagar: Muslim separatists ambushed an army patrol near here and shot dead five Indian soldiers in Kashmir, a day after killing ten members of a Hindu family in a village. (AFP)

## Forbidden art

Bonn: An exhibition including Nazi art, some of it looted away from German eyes since the end of the Second World War, opens at Berlin's Museum of German History today. (Reuters)

## Croat arrested

Zagreb: Croatian police arrested Zlatko Aleksovski, 36, a Bosnian Croat, who is wanted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague on suspicion of committing war crimes in Bosnia. (AP)



Bob Dole campaigning in Georgia at the weekend when he criticised the White House for obtaining secret files

## Dole attacks White House 'enemies list'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

BOB DOLE likened the Clinton White House to that of President Nixon during Watergate after it admitted at the weekend that it had improperly obtained background reports from the FBI on more than 300 Republicans.

"It smells to high heaven," declared Mr Dole, the Republican presidential nominee. Congressional leaders demanded hearings and Louis Freeh, Director of the FBI, ordered restrictions on the release of confidential information to the White House. Leon Panetta, the White House chief of staff, yesterday apologised for what he called an "inexcusable" but innocent bureaucratic error.

The controversy erupted after the Republican chairman of a congressional

committee investigating the "Travelgate" scandal accused the White House of improperly obtaining Billy Dale's FBI file in 1993 to try retrospectively to justify Mr Dale's dismissal as head of the White House travel office seven months earlier.

The White House was initially unable to say why it had asked for Mr Dale's file, but then explained that his was one of about 340 it had erroneously requested from the FBI. A spokesman said a junior aide reviewing the security clearances of officials inherited from the Bush Administration had been working from an outdated list.

Those whose files were obtained included James Baker, the former Secretary of State, Tony Blankley, Newt Gingrich's press secretary, and Kenneth Duberstein, President Reagan's chief of

staff. Mr Dole was sceptical. He said the names read like a "Clinton enemies list" and hoped the White House was not laying the "spade work for a vicious, negative campaign" this autumn. "I remember Watergate, all the things that happened in Watergate because of this kind of tricks. We don't want to repeat it."

Tomorrow, after a final lunch with Republican colleagues, Mr Dole is to formally resign his Senate seat after 36 years in Congress, during which nine different men have occupied the Oval Office. He announced his departure a month ago to concentrate on his presidential campaign, but that gamble has failed to reduce Mr Clinton's double-digit poll lead: 82 per cent of respondents told a Washington Post survey that the resignation made no difference.

## 'Dead' commandos seek \$11m back pay

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE United States declared dead scores of Vietnamese commandos it sent into North Vietnam during the 1960s, when it knew they had been captured and imprisoned.

The United States told the commandos' wives their husbands were dead, paid them a small one-off gratuity, then sought to bury the whole affair, according to newly released government documents. Many of the commandos survived their imprisonment and now live in America, where they have filed a law-

suit demanding \$11 million (£7 million) in back pay. The documents should greatly strengthen their case.

The United States sent 500 commandos into North Vietnam in the early 1960s to foment resistance, gather intelligence and sabotage military targets. Documents show the Pentagon erased the men from the payroll despite evidence many were alive.

"The US killed these men off," said John Mattes, their lawyer. "They were left behind to rot in prison."

## Plastic surgeons give ageing US executives a career lift

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AGEING American businessmen, anxious about their employment prospects, are undergoing plastic surgery in an attempt to survive corporate "downsizing" and razor-sharp office politics.

Figures from the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery show that men now account for more than a quarter of plastic surgery in America. Procedures include liposuction — to reduce bellies grown plump on expense accounts — and eyelid surgery to

remove signs of age. Hair transplants, nose jobs and pectoral implants are increasingly ordered by executives who need to stave off the challenge of younger men.

In 1994, the last year for which figures are available, more than 37,000 American men yielded to liposuction, 22,204 had nose jobs and 18,350 had their eyelids stretched. More than 10,000 had chin implants. Sales of a leading male hair dye, Men's Choice, have risen 30 per cent

in the last three years. The figures perhaps reflect an increase in corporate uncertainty, but may also have something to do with the relative cheapness of many procedures. A calf implant can be had for \$3,000 (£1,960) and jaw surgery costs \$5,000.

James Kennedy, publisher of *Executive Recruiter News*, identified a breed of "bionic executive" who will literally rebuild themselves if they think it is going to benefit them professionally.

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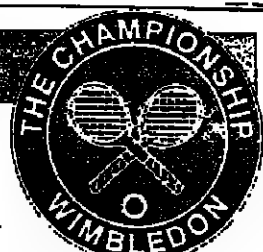
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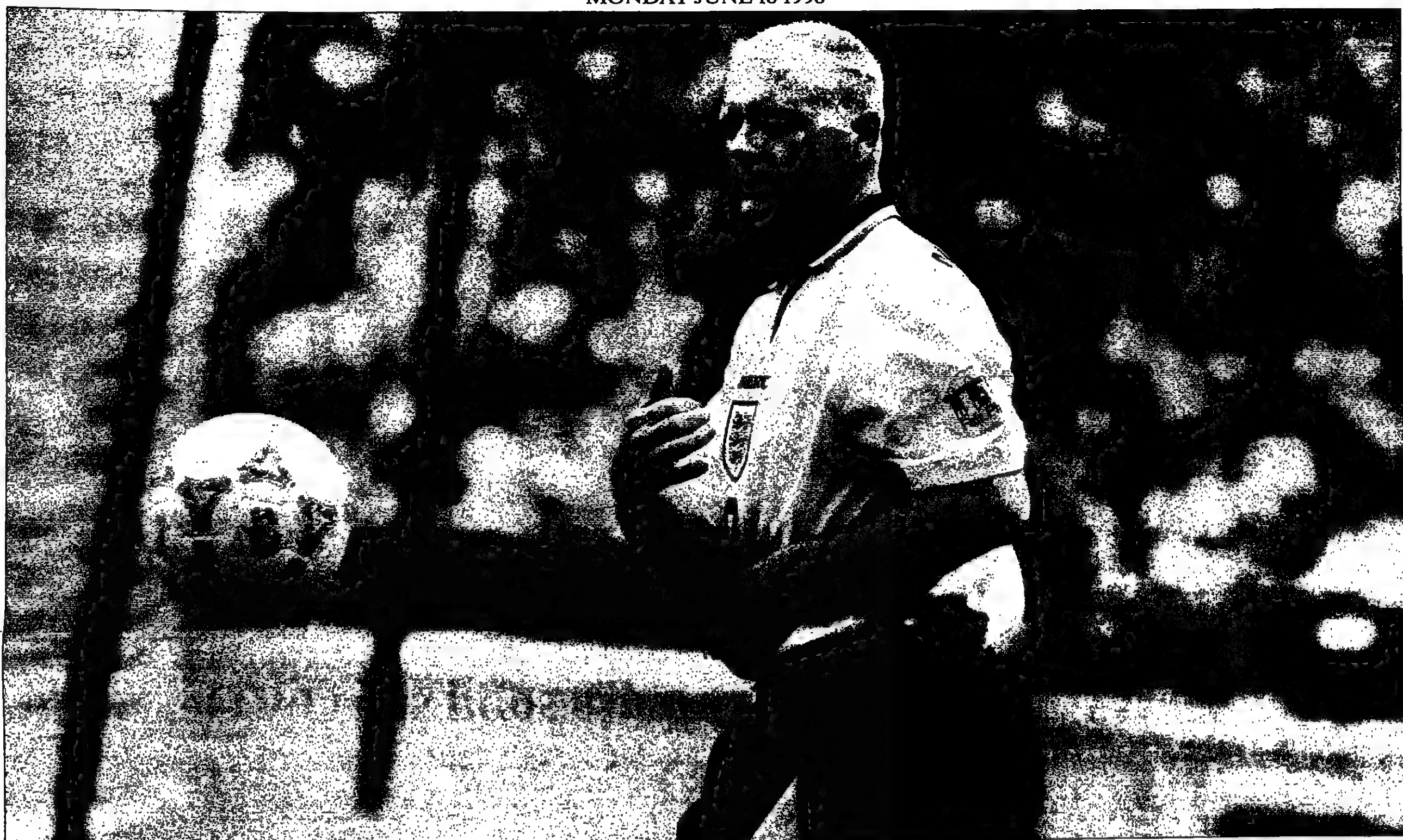


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The shape of problems to come: Gascoigne's lack of stamina undermined England's cause against Switzerland at Wembley on Saturday, when they squandered the lead and nearly the match. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Venables rewards tired team with two days off

## England throw it all away

AN HOUR before Euro 96 kicked into unconvincing life at Wembley on Saturday, an Englishman dressed to kill lay injured beneath the royal box. This unfortunate gentleman, re-enacting the part of a knight in shining armour, had been crushed beneath his horse as it slipped during the pageant. He had been attempting something from medieval times and received a broken leg as a legacy of having neither the luck, the instinct nor the technique of skills lost long ago.

Alas, the modern image of the England football team lay with him, for when Paul Gascoigne, their would-be knight, ran out of steam after barely 50 minutes, it appeared that the host nation had lost the shine of its footballing arts, just as much as it no longer has the know-how to be world leaders in mounted combat.

Harsh? Certainly, but it will do no good to pander to jingoistic beliefs that the European championship is England's for the taking. On the evidence of the 1-1 draw against Switzerland, but also having seen so many tedious "friendlies" in the previous 30 months, the pre-tournament message from Terry Venables — that the time had come for England to make the world fear them — has lost something in translation. Foreign visitors, and many of the 400 million who watched this opening match on television abroad, may feel sympathy that England's standards have slumped so far.

Yes, England did win the World Cup here in 1966 after drawing 0-0 against Uruguay

ROB HUGHES



Football correspondent

in the first match, but in those days a win was worth only one point more than a draw. This time, it is double, and this time not even the Swiss would claim that their team were world-class opponents, or that

they had to play particularly well to come from behind and earn a much-merited draw.

Englishmen may hope that the improvement against Scotland and Holland is dramatic, but such patriotism is blind. Maybe we have been doing that for the past two years, believing that Venables, some kind of coaching messiah according to his supporters, can turn cart-horses into thoroughbred stylists. Maybe, indeed, the players duped themselves into thinking that opponents who came to Wembley in uncommitted "friendlies" were no match for, or no better than, them. Maybe they forgot the pain and concentration that go into competing in serious competition over 90 minutes.

Venables, after the match, admitted that the passing was awful, that he and his team would have to work on it, but there will be no work yesterday and none today because

he has liberated the players, rewarded them with days off. The pity is that, if their bodies and minds are so tired, they were not granted that two weeks ago instead of junketing around the Far East.

England had travelled further before this competition than all the visiting nations put together and Gascoigne was the image of it as he slowed to the point where Johann Vogel, barely 19 and a youngster slow into his stride because of nervous tension, began to overwhelm England's finest. As the second half began, Vogel ran through, past and around Gascoigne, a young colt exposing an exhausted and blowing Englishman.

Yet Venables, having built his team around Gascoigne to the exclusion of talents such as Peter Beardsley, demurred from this viewpoint. "I didn't take Gazza off in the second half because he ran out of



Venables: defiant but extremely disappointed

steam," the coach defiantly insisted. "They were all dead on their feet. I could have taken off any one of eight of them."

Really? What was the cause of their physical debility?

Surely it has its reflections in the drunken buffoonery seen in all those photographs from Hong Kong. Surely the English are not so backward that they do not know that to fuel the body with tequila and other potents is, in the phrase coined by the late Bob Paisley, "putting paraffin in the petrol tank of athletes".

Added to that, England had abandoned the experiment, the belief, in trying to play football with greater sophistication than employing players four-square at the back. Those four — Gary Neville, Tony Adams, the captain, Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce — were woefully exposed. Which of them has genuine pace? Which of them was truly match-fit? Adams and Southgate had come through touch-and-go medical tests after serious knee injuries. Pearce, when Kubilay Turkylmaz turned up the turbo-boost of his acceleration, floundered like a man out of time.

It is a terribly depressing picture at the start of a tournament that was to be the game "coming home". England can improve, must improve, and releasing Steve McManaman to a creative role in the centre instead of stapling him to the left flank would be a start. But it had better be done quickly — today rather than Tuesday would have made a more reasonable start — and it needs to be done without favouritism to players who clearly lack match-fitness. Fallen knights abound.

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## Rivals train while their hosts relax

ENGLAND followed their surprise failure to overcome the Swiss on Saturday with another startling move yesterday (Oliver Holt writes). While the rest of the teams competing in Euro 96 were in action — either on the training field or in action — Terry Venables let his players have a two-day holiday as a reward for their lacklustre draw.

A fleet of black chauffeur-driven cars was waiting outside Wembley on Saturday evening to ferry each member of the 22-strong squad back to their homes. They will not report back to their Buckinghamshire headquarters, the Burnham Beeches Hotel, until 7pm today. Their preparations for next Saturday's crunch game against Scotland will not begin until tomorrow morning.

The players' mini-break is likely to cause consternation among the millions of fans who saw England tire alarmingly in the second half. Several of the team, including Paul Gascoigne and Darren Anderton, appeared to be in need of all the extra training they can get.

The tactic did at least take England's rivals in group A by surprise. The Swiss reacted to Saturday's draw by training during the morning yesterday at the Belfry Hotel in Warwickshire, where they are preparing for Thursday's game against the Dutch at Villa Park. They will train today, too, before going to Villa

Park this afternoon to watch the Dutch play the Scots.

Many of the Scots, who are staying at Stratford-upon-Avon, also have families nearby, but they have had no thoughts of flying visits home. "The Scottish team will be here until their involvement in Euro 96 has ended," a spokesman said.

If England had won, of course, Venables' libertarian philosophy would not have come under the microscope, but he is standing by his decision. "There is no question of them not having the time off. They have been together for one hard week of training and they have got another one ahead. Relaxed players are happy players," he said.

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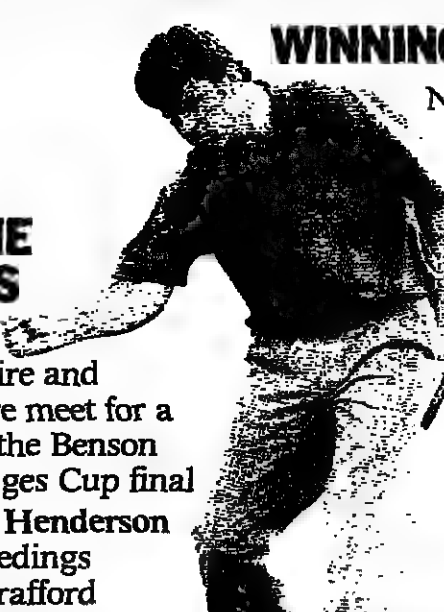
Lancashire and Yorkshire meet for a place in the Benson and Hedges Cup final  
Michael Henderson on proceedings at Old Trafford



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John Hopkins marks his card



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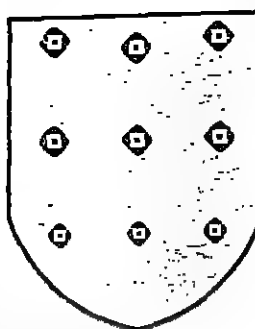
Jacques Villeneuve at the circuit named after his late father in pursuit of Damon Hill at the Canadian Grand Prix.  
Andrew Longmore reports from Montreal



SATURDAY

## FOOTBALL'S AULD ENEMIES MEET

England v Scotland at Wembley in Euro 96. Rob Hughes looks forward to the most eagerly awaited match of the year



## FOOTBALL

## Brown seeks out flaws in fading Dutch masters

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

GLOATING can be educational. The Scotland squad that relished the sight, on television, of England's slump against Switzerland will also have had a more edifying reaction to the opening match of the European championship. Craig Brown's side may still doubt their own worth, but they must have learnt that their rivals, too, can be weak and troubled.

The scale of the tournament and the lustre of many of its participants should never divert attention from the fact that it is contested for by fallible, stress-ridden footballers. Today, Scotland play their first match, against Holland at Villa Park, and Craig Brown, the manager, has been at pains to emphasise the opposition's "accident-prone" journey to this event.

He is too much the diplomat to denigrate another country, but Brown need only trot out the facts. In the qualifiers, Holland lost narrowly to Belarusia, were roundly defeated 3-1 by the Czech Republic and became the last team to clinch a place in England after defeating Ireland in a play-off. Despite all the rhapsodies that followed the performance of Guus Hiddink's team at Anfield that night, the excellence was demanded by previous wretchedness. Scotland have had a horror of hyperbole ever since exaggerated ambitions were followed rapidly by ignominy at the 1978 World Cup, but Brown is trenchant when discussing this afternoon's game.

"If our players are all at their peak," he said, "I don't think Holland will beat us." The manager argues that the mystique of Dutch football does not exempt its team from the process of decay. At the 1992 European championship, Scotland also met Holland in the first match, losing 1-0, but Brown does not believe the present side possesses the

exceptional talent of its predecessor. "No matter what team Holland pick," he said, "they will not be so powerful as they were in Sweden. With Ruud Geurts and Marco van Basten gone, they do not have such individual brilliance, even if they work well as a unit." Indeed, Brown's assessment meets with assent from many Dutch observers, who find reverence of their national team rather comic.

Hiddink's squad draws heavily on the Ajax squad, but

ness and in three recent friendlies against Denmark, the United States and Colombia, Brown's side has scored just once. Should they prove as innocuous again, Holland will have a soothing start to this championship.

It is likely that Gordon Durie, with just five goals in 28 appearances, will be partnered in attack by John Spencer, who has yet to score after winning nine caps. Any of the forwards in the squad, however, is entitled to complain over the paucity of chances created. Since there are no overwhelming new talents to be introduced, Scotland must strive instead for a change of outlook.

The old, reckless trait has virtually been eradicated, but Brown's team does need a greater degree of intelligence. In Gary McAllister and John Collins, the manager claims to have two highly-accomplished midfield players, but in lauding the pair he is also making demands. Both are asked to provide more assertive passing and running at the heart of the action.

The manager is left fretful about his defence, though, after a resolute performance at the back in the unlikely defeat by Colombia two weeks ago. The principal matter concerns Andy Goram, who fell out of favour after declining to play against Greece in August. Brown is, nonetheless, still likely to prefer Goram to Jim Leighton as goalkeeper, even though he refused to confirm the decision yesterday, adding: "It's not a big issue. I hope the man I pick won't have much to do." Scotland now face the difficult task of producing such insouciance on the field itself.

HOLLAND (probable, 3-1-3-3): E van der Sar — M Reuse, J de Boer, W Bergkamp — E Driessens — R de Boer, C Seedorf, R Wouda — G Tuijnthof, D Bergkamp, J Jord.

SCOTLAND (probable, 3-5-2): A Goram — C Caldwell, C Hendry, I Boyd — C Burley, S McCall, G McInnes, J Collins, J McInnes — G Durie, J Spencer.



Kuntz, the Germany striker, is marshalled by the Czech Republic defenders, Suchoparek, left, and Frydek, at Old Trafford yesterday

## Injury mars solid start by Germany

Germany ..... 2  
Czech Republic ..... 0

BY PETER BALL

YOU can always rely on Germany. After two draws, the search for the tournament's first winner ended at Old Trafford, where the favourites completed a solidly professional victory over the Czech Republic to take their place at the top of group C.

The loss of Jürgen Kohler, the German captain, who suffered severe knee-ligament damage and will return today to Germany for treatment, spoilt the German celebrations, but that apart, the only other blot was the performance of the referee, David Elleray, who was in his most pedantic, schoolmaster mode.

In a game of at most three or four bad tackles, Elleray showed ten yellow cards, sev-

en in the second half, spoiling a previously good game in the process. It seems that, not only can the English not play the game well these days, they do not referee it well either.

Even Elleray failed to completely take the gloss off the German performance, however. The Czech's fatal lack of pace and awareness in defence meant that Germany were not fully extended, but they will clearly take some stopping, a fact the bookmakers quickly recognised, Ladbrokes cutting their odds for the championship from 7-2 to 11-4.

They are not, perhaps, as dazzlingly inventive as the Dutch at their best, but for all-round efficiency, this superbly athletic and powerful team is hard to fault.

Not even the absence of the suspended Jürgen Klinsmann affected them yesterday as Fredi Bobic came in to suggest for an hour that, when

Klinsmann moves on, there is an outstanding replacement in the wings.

The Bundesliga's leading scorer last season, Bobic did not score yesterday, but his strong running and easy control provided the fulcrum for some telling thrusts. Behind him, Andreas Möller also had an outstanding game, but the star was Christian Ziege, an attacking left back in the German tradition of Bretnner and Brehme, who watched Ziege's surges up the line with evident admiration, Ziege scoring the first goal and several times threatening to add to his account.

The game had a deceptive opening, with the Czechs looking the more likely initially, but both sides began cautiously. Bobic or Kuntz dropped back at the first sign of trouble while Sammer kept his creative instincts shut away.

Sammer's first venture for-

wards, a minute after Kohler had gone off, produced the first serious threat to the Czech goal. Sammer's header reached Bobic, whose scrobbatic falling volley was parried without authority by Kouba. From the resulting corner, Möller got a free header and, although he put it wide, the defence of cracks in the Czech defence encouraged Germany to attack with increasing conviction.

Soon, that conviction was rewarded as Ziege accepted Bobic's layoff, cut inside Latal and shot into the post as Kadlec came to him too late.

Three minutes later, Ziege showed the less admirable side of his game as he was booked for putting his studs into Poborski's knee, the first yellow card, and one of the more deserved. But most of the German game was beyond reproach, and just after the

half-hour they took complete control as Möller was allowed to run a long way.

Again he cut between Latal and Kadlec with the sweeper failing to get to him in time and again Kouba was beaten low to his right, this time from more than 20 yards. The arrival of Berger after the interval gave the Czechs more thrust but, as the game deteriorated, they rarely threatened to turn the game their way.

GERMANY (1-4-3-2): A Kopeck (Frankfurt) — S Reuter (Borussia Dortmund), J Kohler (Schalke 04), M Bodo (Bayern Munich), T Helmer (Bayern Munich), C Ziege (Bayern Munich) — T Möller (Katar), D Eder (Werder Bremen), A Möller (Borussia Dortmund) — F Bobic (Salzburg), J L. Strunz (Bayern Munich), S. Kuntz (Vestfalia), S. O. Bismhoff (Vestfalia).

CZECH REPUBLIC (1-2-3-2): P. Koubek (Sporta Prag), M. Kadlec (Bohemians 1905), M. Horvath (Sporta Prag), J. Suchoparek (Sporta Prag), R. Latal (Schalke 04), M. Frydek (Sporta Prag), P. Berger (Borussia Dortmund), R. Berislav (Slavia Prague), J. Nemec (Bohemians 1905), P. Nedved (Sporta Prag), J. Poborski (Slavia Prague), S. R. Dufek, P. Dvornik (Vestfalia), P. Kala (Preston).

Referee: D. Elleray (England)

## Spanish coach critical of Stoichkov

BY DAVID MADDOCK

JAVIER CLEMENTE, the Spain coach, was less than happy after his side's 1-1 draw against Bulgaria in the opening Group B game at Eiland Road yesterday. His anger, though, was reserved for Hristo Stoichkov, the forward who opened the scoring against his side with a disputed penalty. The Spanish-based player is, he believes, a cheat.

Stoichkov did so much to unsettle Clemente's side with his aggressive running and incisive passing, but the coach was less than impressed. "Stoichkov is not very good for us because he does not want to play the game fairly. He just doesn't know how to play the game fairly at all," he said.

"He uses his shoulders to lean into players to look for fouls all the time and then goes down. He does it even when he

could play fairly. He uses his elbows too to gain an unfair advantage."

Strong stuff from the Spanish coach, but Stoichkov was typically phlegmatic in his response. His face darkened as he dismissed the claim, suggesting instead that it was Bulgaria who were cheated out of victory.

"I do not know what Clemente is talking about. If anything, the game was unfair to me, because I scored a good goal that was wrongly ruled offside. I knew I was outside and the TV pictures prove it," he said. "We deserved victory, but I am happy because we will get stronger with every game. We will be best when we reach the final."

The Bulgaria coach, Dimitar Penev, backed up his player and complicated the question of blame by pillorying the match officials. The Bulgarians were infuriated by the referee, Piero Cecarini, endorsing

his linesman's decision. "In my opinion, the game should have finished 2-1 to us," Penev said. "We feel that Stoichkov scored a legal goal." Cecarini's tough disciplinary stance — two players dismissed and seven others booked — also came in for criticism. "The referee was too harsh when producing red and yellow cards," he added.

Clemente was far more relaxed when talking about his own team's performance. Spain looked a little tense and lacked imagination, but he said: "Of course, I would like to have won, but the disaster would have been to lose and we avoided that. The pressure of the opening game affected us, but I think we were strong and will get better. We confirmed our position as one of the favourites for this tournament."

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## FA backs plan to host World Cup

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Football Association has given its backing to a Government campaign to bid for the 2006 World Cup, supported by £1 billion of National Lottery money. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said that an attempt to gain the Olympic Games in 2008 could follow if Fifa, football's governing body, can be persuaded to allow England to host again the event that it won in 1966.

"The Prime Minister and I are determined that we don't have to wait another 30 years before we once again play host to the sporting nations of the world," Bottomley said.

The idea has already gained the support of Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, the governing body of European football, who is likely to play an increasingly-influential role in Fifa affairs

after persuading them this week to allow Japan and South Korea to stage the 2002 World Cup jointly.

Steve Donohue, a Football Association spokesman, said: "We welcome her comments. Obviously, our priority at the moment is the current Euro 96 tournament, but this is something we are extremely interested in."

Bottomley said: "If it takes lottery money also to attract the Olympic Games in 2008, we are ready to spend it."

Perugia have been promoted to the Serie A in Italy, returning to the top division for the first time since they were demoted in 1981 after being deducted five points for involvement in a betting scandal. The club, from central Italy, which once fielded Paolo Rossi, beat the already-promoted Verona 3-2 to ensure promotion in their last league match of the season.

By the mid 1980s, Perugia were languishing in the fourth division after further relegation because of a bribery scandal. In 1993 they had a promotion to Serie B cancelled after an allegations that the club president had tried to bribe a referee with the gift of a horse.

In Dallas, Luis Garcia's 81st-minute goal gave Mexico a 1-0 victory over Bolivia in the opening match of the 1996 US Cup tournament. Garcia took advantage of a mistake by Oscar Sanchez, the Bolivia defender, to hit a right-footed shot past an out-of-position Mauricio Soria in the Bolivia goal.

The victory gave Mexico three points in the four-nation tournament, which also involves the United States and Ireland. The Mexicans, with an eye on the Atlanta Olympic tournament, brought their under-23 squad — supplemented by five veterans.

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# Buzzing with excitement on a new playground

I have settled into this job already. Football correspondent, and just for kicks. In five hours on Saturday afternoon my outlook on the world was completely transformed and I now wear a funny wig in stripes of red, white and blue. I can still remember a time before this occurred.

On the Wembley train, for example, I cast a genuinely interested eye over the opposing fans. Swiss, eh? Blokes with shorts and braces? As the train paused at Swiss Cottage these exotic creatures slapped their hairy legs and swapped funny old CH words about it, and I was transfixed, I smiled at them. An international match, with international people. A chance to make friends with the world.

It is quite normal to worry about guests. I always hover around groups at parties saying "All right, all right?" Such touching concern was what I felt for Switzerland initially on Saturday. As the stadium filled, it became apparent that the Swiss were all bunched in

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one corner, at the same end as me. They waved little flags and made dink-dink noises with cowbells. I saw they were surrounded by gruff Eng-land-Eng-land chanters, and worried they would feel left out.

often they performed a strange ritual (possibly some atavistic fondue thing) which involved waving both arms horizontally in front, ringing the cow-bell and murmuring "Woooooo!" like ghosts, until finally flinging their arms back, in a vertical Mexican wave. This bizarre antic was ignored by the English fans until the first goal was scored, when suddenly, spontaneously, they aped it. "Oooo!" they jeered sarcastically, wagging their arms at the Swiss. And this was the moment of truth for me. I suddenly realised whose side of the playground I was on. I was with this lot. We had scored and they hadn't. They were Swiss and we were winning. All I needed now was the funny wig.

With Saturday's match by general consent such a big bore, it was natural to take what entertainment you could get. The pre-match razzmatazz (rather loosely themed, if I may say so) gave us medieval pageants, George and the Dragon, Mick Hucknall, a parade of football greats, a really big



Swiss supporters kept ringing their bells and waving until the cows came home

lot of balloons, a really big lot of flags and Red Devil parachutists spiralling at an awesome velocity like sycamore seeds into the arena. The best place to see most of this palaver was the airship overhead (or on telly), but we groundlings got the gist. The trouble with this overstimulating cocktail of events was

obvious, however: such a build-up made the subsequent cruddy performance of the England team even more of a let-down.

But the goal was great, wasn't it? The goal was marvellous. We all jumped up and down and made lovely mockery of the Swiss. True, nothing else much happened after that

until the fateful penalty, but while England's battery flickered inexorably lower, at least I had a good opportunity to learn the etiquette of the grandstand, in particular the upsy-downsy business of standing up and gasping with false-dawn anticipation every time Paul Gascoigne gets possession, and sinking down

again with a groan when the ball gets passed to Mister Nobody and starts heading in the wrong direction.

You stand up, you sit down and sometimes, for quite long periods (I didn't know this), you go really quiet and miserable, as if you are under water. I was particularly pleased to master the interesting half-sitting position which goes with corner activity. Having jumped up, you now bend the legs and turn slightly, but don't quite sit down, because there's a chance you might soon have to stand up again. So you wait with your bum sticking out until the tension has been resolved one way or the other. It's quite good for the thighs.

I had a Euro 96 pager with me on Saturday, with a BT service. It is a wonderful but mysterious object, which occasionally buzzes and vibrates to alert you to a new score. I think it is intended for businessmen, who can receive a football update in meetings without anyone noticing: taking it to the match with me

was slightly superfluous. But as I said earlier, get your kicks where you can baby, so I clutched my pager throughout the afternoon and when I felt it buzz for the first time ("Blimey, feel that," I said aloud), it was honestly quite thrilling. Due to this exciting gadget, I was probably the only English person with access to consolation when Switzerland equalised. Oh good, I thought, now the pager will have to buzz again. And buzzzzzz — there it went.

I didn't see the Swiss on the way home. As the demoralised English crowds shuffled complaining to the exits, the last sight I had of the guest country they were wooooing like ban-shees again and waving the little flags, with apparently no intention of moving — at least, until the cows came home. I had no idea whether their team had played well; I had never taken my eyes off the men playing in white. At an event like that, it turns out you can have a grand view, yet quite a narrow view at the same time.

FOOTBALL: SKILFUL OPENING ENCOUNTER IN GROUP B TARNISHED BY SPITEFUL UNDERTONES

## Stoichkov's guile finds its match in Spanish might

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Bulgaria ..... 1By ROB HUGHES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL from another world, it seemed another planet, was displayed at Eland Road within 24 hours of the shocking affair at Wembley. Spain and Bulgaria achieved the same score as England and Switzerland had, but it would be stretching the Trades Description Act beyond measure to try to describe it as the same game.

Under bright sunlight, with a quite capricious wind, the Spanish might, harshly organised in the uncompromising Basque tradition of the coach, Javier Clemente, for long periods seemed to overpower the guile of their opponents. The Bulgarians, their nature often seeming to be more Latin than the Spaniards, mixed a heady cocktail of movement that stretched the imagination, and spite that ultimately stretched the Italian referee too far.

In a period midway through the second half, both teams scored. Bulgaria through the inevitable Stoichkov penalty and then Spain after a free kick. But in that period, the yellow-card count swelled to seven, there were two red cards, myriad substitutions, and for all the claim that professional refereeing is what the British game needs, there was an Italian, Piero Cecarini, showing scant control. Perhaps no one should blame him, for when players of different cultures so willfully decide to kick or strike one another, or to dive when no contact whatever is made, it would take a god to maintain order.

Stoichkov is credited with divine talents by his admirers; he still displays such arrogance of mind, such deception with his runs for the diagonal balls fed in from midfield, that his own opinion that there is no better player created than himself might, at times, carry justification.

What a contrast he is to Ivanov. This defender, bow-legged, one eye seeming to be almost permanently half-closed, a rough stubble of beard, and long trailing hair, recently found a home for his skills in Vienna, having

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passed through Coventry City and being rejected after getting himself sent off in a reserve game. The temperament, one can fault; but the optimism and the power of shot of Ivanov twice lifted every person in Leeds United's half-filled stadium yesterday. He tried a chip from the left side of the field when he spotted Zubizarreta off his line, the ball travelled almost 50 yards and nestled just outside the far post. Later, Ivanov, with a free kick much closer to the goal, no more in fact than 30 yards out, managed to skid the ball inches wide of the far post.

Spain also had a player who would try anything from almost any distance. Hierro, the personification of his team in sheer physical presence and power, brought Reading's Bulgarian goalkeeper, Myhalov, to a wonderful save, twisting in mid-air to palm the ball over.

There was a negative period, but the caution contained cunning. Unlike England v Switzerland, the players knew the purpose of their defensiveness; they would seek to draw the opponent to them, to strike out of nothing like a viper. Stoichkov and Kostadinov were absolute masters of luring opponents to mark them as close as a second skin, and then suddenly to spin away, to make runs which their colleagues seemed intuitively to read.

One such run in the 65th minute brought the penalty. Stoichkov hit the pass, slanting and fading the ball in from left to right. Kostadinov ran across Sergi, the Barcelona defender, ran looking for the merest contact. Down he went, up went the referee's hand, a penalty from the craft of the diver, and Stoichkov imperiously used the hammer of his left foot to strike the ball against the inside of Zubizarreta's left-hand post. Stoichkov's 32nd goal in 62 international: one wonders what the supporters of Parma would make of it, since he has designed to give them just four goals in an entire season.

Back with a vengeance came the Spanish armada. Just six minutes after going behind, they levelled amidst mayhem. Huhchev, the tall Bulgaria centre back, was sent off for tackling through the heels of Pizzi right on the edge of the penalty box. Hierro's free kick hit the substitute



Kostadinov goes to ground after contact with Sergi, the Spain defender, yesterday to win Bulgaria their penalty

Iordanov, spun away but was then deflected into the net by Alfonso. It was the first touch of both Iordanov and Alfonso. Pizzi, the victim earlier, then committed his first foul in an afternoon littered with malice, and attracted the second red card in the 74th minute.

The predominantly Spanish crowd felt that Pizzi paid the

price for a referee trying to neutralise matters; but the foul on the halfway line, stretching and catching Kischichev's trailing leg, did carry enough spite to warrant severe reprimand.

Clearly, neither of these two sides is going to surrender in the tight nature of Group B, and clearly Uefa's Fair Play

flag is not for them. Yet this was spite laced with beauty. Nine minutes from the end, Balakov once again produced a visionary through-ball and Stoichkov sneaked in unseen. His header was deft, but the ball evaded the angle between bar and post... the glare of the arrogant gunslinger carried the venom to shoot

Zubizarreta, once his team-mate at Barcelona, quite dead.  
SPAIN (4-4-1-1): A Zubizarreta — A Beldarrain, R. Añeta, F. Asensio, Sergi — J. Camacho (sub: Dorado, Berra), G. Arco (sub: F. Albore, 72), F. Hierro, I. Sotgiel — J. Guerrero (sub: J. Aranzeta, 81) — J. Pizzi.  
BULGARIA (4-2-2-1): B. Myhalov — R. Kischichev, P. Huhchev, T. Iordanov, I. Kostadinov (sub: I. Lichkov, 72), N. Balakov — E. Kostadinov (sub: I. Iordanov, 72), H. Stoichkov — L. Penev (sub: G. Bortnov, 72).  
Referee: P. Cecarini (Italy).

## Piquant dish provides food for thought

Simon Barnes on a match involving brain as much as brawn that was a welcome contrast to England's tired offering

But on the Sunday the grown-ups arrived. After the rather embarrassing hors-d'oeuvre on Saturday, Spain and Bulgaria served up a dish that was distinctly piquant, well-chilled with drama, skill and ambition.

And thought, of course. That was the most obvious difference between the England of the opening day and these two sides that appeared a day later. The technical level was obviously higher as well, but that is something we have been used to for a very long time. The interesting point was that yesterday we had football filled with invention, purpose and wit.

Most of it was pretty cautious, but there is a difference between being careful and being scared. This match had

something of the rhythm of a fencing bout. This was particularly so with Spain, a team clearly moulded by the will of the coach, Javier Clemente. Spanish attacks were always followed by a wonderfully fluid snapping-back into the en garde position. Ah, you say, but these foreigners, they have more time to prepare than our boys from the toughness of the packed domestic season, but the Spaniards have only just finished their own domestic season: all the same, each player knew exactly what he was about.

English players have assignments, too, but there is a difference between demarcation

lines and areas of responsibility. The tactical discipline of the Spanish and their rather surprising mistrust of flair made for a potent contrast with Bulgaria.

Bulgaria have the reputation for being a mixture of flair and spite, rather like a margarita cocktail. Again, it was their wit that excited. Ivanov, a defender who looks like the man from Central Casting to play the part of a knife-wielding mugger, showed — as well as the odd dud — three post-brushing shots of startling inventiveness. But their captain, Stoichkov, is, as ever, the tequila in the margarita. He scored one wonderful goal, doing so with a dead-eyed casualness, that was ruled offside, and converted the penalty with enviable certainty. He was also daft enough to get himself booked for dissent after 23 minutes.

There was much of the match that was cerebral. Things grew more frenzied as time passed, as two sendings-off made clear, but despite all that, the quality of thought never quite went out of the window.

Football is a passionate game, but passion alone is not

enough. Not at this level. These tournaments are always about clashes of footballing culture and it is most disconcerting to watch the football of this weekend after a full season of the FA Carling Premiership. For it was not a bad season — far from it. If we take away mere partisanship, it was rich, intriguing, exciting, refreshing, a good and satisfying tale told over the long months of the winter and spring.

And now, in summer, to see the same players look a bunch of second-raters is a seriously unsettling experience. There are enough foreigners and enough fancy foreign skills

and enough wonderful excitements in the Premiership to make all the richness of individual technique less than a surprise.

No, it is the fact of team technique that comes as a surprise, a culture shock, every time we get to an important footballing occasion like this. There is very little wrong with the players other than the culture they play in. It seems that, for an English footballer, the true excitement is not a talented individual or a trick with a ball. It is one thing only: thought.

Of course, tournaments are not won and lost in first matches: these are, in fact, a woefully inaccurate guide. Many teams come storming out of the traps like greyhounds, only to fall away at the first difficult match. In these tournaments, there is a real danger of peaking too early. Well, England have managed to avoid that quite triumphantly. So, for that matter, have Spain and Bulgaria. But in their own 1-1 draw, they have food for thought.

Stoichkov, who was playing against several former Barcelona team-mates, said: "We got our preparations right for the match. We couldn't do any more, we looked to play our counter-attacking game and created four or five good chances."



Stoichkov: inventive

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FOOTBALL: SWITZERLAND MAKE HOSTS LOOK PEDESTRIAN AS TOURNAMENT OPENS WITH BELOW-PAR PERFORMANCE

# England out-thought and out-fought

England ..... 1  
Switzerland ..... 1

BY ROG HUGHES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AN OPENING match never did a tournament make, and thank heavens for that. Wembley Stadium on Saturday was as much in its pomp as the old arena can be made to appear, but the England team, coming off lucky in the end to draw with a most ordinary Switzerland team, were surely far from the best we can produce.

We really could not have started off the most important tournament in England for 30 years with more advantages. The Swiss even had two experienced players suspended because of yellow cards in the qualifiers and yet the turning point to this first encounter was the sight, shortly after half-time, of Johann Vogel, a youth of 19, who admitted at the training camp that the thought of competing against Paul Gascoigne, "one of the greats", overawed him, brushing his hero aside. The Swiss say that Vogel is not particularly fast. He was made to look like Linford Christie.

Yet England had had the start they wanted when Alan Shearer repaid the astonishing longevity of Terry Venables's faith and tolerance. Forget the excuses that he is more than a goalscorer — a non-striking centre-forward is a weight on the whole team's confidence — and so, when Shearer did breach Marco Pascolo's goal in the 22nd minute with thunderous might and consummate confidence, it was like water on the parched tongue of a player who had striven in vain for 1,088 minutes to score for England.

It was a move of quality, too. Gascoigne, in the first half once again the one Englishman whose technical ease with the ball shone out, began it. His ball through the middle found Shearer, who gave it to Ince and then turned intuitively to move ten yards into space in the penalty area.

Ince, though he was to become quite irresponsible in the second half, now moved with mind and body fully coordinated. He held the ball, he waited and, when he slipped it through no fewer than four rather static red shirts, there was Shearer to beat the goalkeeper from eight yards at the near post with the kind of freedom and power that make him the most consistent marksman in English football.

Perhaps the Swiss had a case for complaint that, if Shearer was inside, then Sheringham may have been marginally off. That was to matter no more, no less than England's later complaint that the handball by Stuart Pearce that conceded the penalty equaliser was "involuntary". However, between the two actions was the sorry tale of England's game falling away, a quite distressing vision of England's reputation for stamina, athletic preparation and mental courage appearing bloated beyond belief. Before half-time, Sheringham had headed against the goal-



Anderton joins Shearer to celebrate the England forward's first goal for his country in 1,088 minutes of international football

keeper's legs. Shearer and Southgate had both directed "free headers" off target and yet the warnings that no ounce of complacency was justified came largely through the pace of Kubilay Turkylmaz.

Southgate, allegedly the rookie in the England defence, had twice bailed out that square back four when Adams was caught looking lethargic and Neville showed his impetuous streak. Southgate could do nothing in the fortieth minute, though, when Turkylmaz took a corner on the right, Stéphane Henchoz flicked the ball on and Marco Grassi, from barely three yards out, astonishingly hit the underside of the crossbar.

In the tactical battle, Artur Jorge had outwitted Venables. England expected that Chapuisat would start in a three-man forward line. Chapuisat was not totally fit, so his coach kept him in reserve; would that England had such a luxury with four players — Shearer, Southgate, Adams and Anderton — all back from injuries and looking as though they need more time and conditioning.

More than that, Switzerland deployed Alain Geiger, their captain, with ill caps, not behind his defence but in front

of them, ensuring that England's attacking partnership of Shearer and Sheringham was split. How Sheringham wilted in this contest of wills; how Vega, the Spanish-born Switzerland central defender,

dominated while Geiger took care of the Tottenham man. And, when England sat back, the Swiss re-invigorated their attacks from midfield until they more than deserved the luck of an equaliser a full

hour after the England goal. Southgate, so sure of himself until then, unwittingly gave the game away. His header out of defence fell straight to Grassi, whose attempt to hook the ball back into the goal-

mouth was met by Pearce. His hands were dangerously high and, though he would claim his only thought was protecting his face, once the ball struck his hand, the Spanish referee was entitled to interpret that, harshly, as a penalty. Turkylmaz almost nonchalantly sent Seaman scurrying to his right and delivered the ball along the ground to the left.

The draw was as much as a faded England deserved, particularly when, in the final minutes, Chapuisat, on as a substitute, made Adams grope with ridiculous ineptitude and Grassi drew the save of the match from Seaman.

"You don't just get given the points," Venables snapped. "It's not fantasy football." No sir, not even close.

ENGLAND (4-2-1-1): D Seaman (Arsenal); G Southgate (Aston Villa); S Pearce (Nottingham Forest); D Anderton (Tottenham); P Ince (Ipswich Town); P Gascoigne ( Rangers); sub: D Platt, Arsenal; T Miller, S McManaman (Liverpool); sub: S Stuart, Nottingham Forest; 67 — E Sheringham (Tottenham); sub: N Bamford, Middlesbrough; 67 — A Shearer (Blackburn Rovers).

SWITZERLAND (4-3-1-2): M Pascolo (Servette); S Jannin (Neuchâtel Xamax); G Vega (Grasshoppers); S Henchoz (SV Hentburg); Y Quenast (FC Sochaux); J Vogel (Grasshoppers); A Geiger (Grasshoppers); sub: M Kotto (Grasshoppers); 67, C Stora (Bayern Munich); C Borni (FC St. Gallen); S Chapuisat (Borussia Dortmund); 67 — M Grassi (Fribourg); K Turkylmaz (Grasshoppers).

Referee: M Diaz Vega (Spain)



Pearce struggles to come to terms with the penalty decision given against him

## Venables dare not fail his next challenge

BOBBY ROBSON



Wembley Commentary

I know how Terry Venables is feeling this morning. I have been there myself as England manager. In the 1986 World Cup finals, we lost our first match to Portugal 1-0 and four years later, we drew with Ireland in our opening tie. Both were matches we had been expected to win. Inevitably, the pressure will build on them throughout the week.

If I could offer Terry and the team one piece of advice, it would be this. The draw with Switzerland on Saturday was a bad result. There is no way around that. It was a bad performance, too, with so many players not giving what they are capable of. The way they tired so quickly in the second half was ominous because they should not be tired in the first match. The Swiss deserved their point.

Yet it is not the end of the world. We are still on the dance floor. In 1986, we reached the quarter-final before Diego Maradona cheated us. Four years later, it was all doom and gloom after the Ireland game and we made it to the semi-finals. Things change.

We did not lose against Switzerland. We have got a point. The objective is to qualify and to go on to the next stage. You cannot win the tournament until you qualify and we do not even know what is going to happen between Scotland and Hol-

There is all to play for and no reason to be despondent

appraisal of the team and keep the morale going. I am sure they will watch videos of the Swiss game and they have to ask why they were poor and what they can do about it. They have to make sure they keep looking forward, not back. They will read the newspapers and the criticism but they will ignore it.

When they look at those videos, though, I wonder if Terry might regret not having included Jason Wilcox in the squad because one of the main problems on Saturday was the lack of good, early crosses into the box. Sheringham and Shearer are great headers of the ball, but we did not give them any service.

Even though McManaman had a few good dribbles and beat people, there were no crosses from either him or Anderton like the ones that Barnes, Waddle and Trevor Steven used to produce in my time as England manager, giving

Linaker and Beardsley the chance for the kill. Sheringham seemed very confused. He usually plays intelligently, but I thought he had one of his poorest internationals. Perhaps six years ago, Pearce might have got in front of McManaman to get some crosses of his own in, but his age is against him now.

Part of the problem, of course, is the level of expectancy that is heaped on every England team. I suppose it is Alf Ramsey's fault. If he had not won the World Cup, the expectations would not be so high, but there is great pressure on us to win a tournament again. There is a huge amount of optimism that we are the best, but I think Euro 96 will prove to people that they play great football in other parts of the Continent.

Before we get too upset about the result, though, there is one other fact we can comfort ourselves with. Argentina lost the opening match of Italia 90 to Cameroon, even though Cameroon only had nine men by the end of the match. Who got to the final that year? Argentina. There is still a lot of football to be played in Euro 96. There is no reason to be despondent.

## ITV coverage falls wide of the mark for watching millions

LIKE England's performance at Wembley, ITV's handling of the opening afternoon of Euro 96 got worse as it went along. So poor was the last 15 minutes of the four-hour coverage that ITV might as well have gift-wrapped the rest of the tournament and sent it round to the BBC.

The game was over and so, eventually, were the commercials. Now, at last, was the moment for some serious footballing chat. An entire nation demanded to know: "Where had it gone wrong?"

Alex Ferguson, speaking slowly to avoid the need for subtitles, said something reasonably interesting about keeping hold of the ball. John Barnes said something reasonably inevitable about the penalty ("bit harsh") and, for the first time all afternoon, Jack Charlton said nothing at all. Total time spent? Just over a minute.



MATTHEW BOND  
TV ACTION REPLAY

With that, it was down to Gary Newbon in the tunnel who had... well, just over a minute to put the nation's questions to the England coach, Terry Venables. First question — fair enough — was about the penalty. "Looked a very harsh decision?" Venables concurred: "Very harsh." Question two used a broader brush: "What was wrong with the performance in the second half?" Poor passing was Venables's narrow-brush riposte.

"And why did you take off Gascoigne and McManaman?" Actually, that wasn't the third question at all, it was just the question that millions of England fans were willing Newbon to ask. Instead, he went for the jugular with: "So the pressure's now on to get a win?" Yes, Gary I think it probably is.

Never mind, one opportunity missed — there would be more to come, surely? But apparently not. By now, well into minute three of this incisive post-match analysis, it was "competition time..."

and with that out of the way, it was off to a live link to the Scotland training camp and the wise words of Ally McCoist and John Collins.

Both were impressively articulate, but their contribution was the wrong item at the wrong moment. We wanted discussion of England's shortcomings by recognised footballing pundits, not Ferguson and Charlton inelegantly demonstrating why they are football managers and not television interviewers.

If this is the best ITV can offer, Alan Hansen should have our undivided attention this summer, with or without the help of Ruud Gullit. If this wasn't the best, why wasn't it? Where, for example, was Glenn Hoddle, whom ITV has been making such a fuss about?

In the commentary box, Brian Moore and Kevin Keegan made their partisan intentions clear from the start. "That's the best I have heard that anthem sang," observed Keegan, who, as resident expert, is allowed to say that sort

of thing, "I agree," said Moore who, as a supposedly impartial professional commentator, is not. Personally, I thought their patriotic dialogue pretty much captured the mood of pre-match expectation, but, from your letters, I know many of you take a more purist view and when Moore started talking about "having a feeling in my water that 1-0 might not be enough", even I began to have my doubts.

Technically, the news was more encouraging. The joint venture between ITV and the BBC, which promises to have at least 17 cameras at every match, had all the angles covered and provided excellent replays of both moments of controversy — Shearer's goal (was it offside?) and the penalty (was it handball?).

For ITV, the problem is not the quality of the replays, but the quality of the people they have talking to the replays. Leading the discussion was Bob Wilson. It is tempting to say that Wilson looks out of practice in handling the really big occasion (ITV Sport has had a lean time of it recently) but I don't think he has ever been in practice. Well, he is about to get lots and, no doubt, he will improve. The same, however, cannot be said of Charlton, whose selection for the ITV team is one of the strangest decisions in recent television history.

## Loyalty and patience undergo another rigorous examination

Nicolas Andrews endures a day of anguish only too familiar to the terrace faithful



World Cup. Loads of fresh optimism, a bright enough start and real hopes that, this time, we would get it right. Of course, we didn't then. The writing was on the wall long before Rotterdam a year later. Watching England at Wembley is never much fun. Even with the stadium full again, the home advantage lies more in the minds of overawed visitors. The atmosphere is so hard to maintain, it evaporates the moment you pause for breath. The man on the public address system did his

best, pleading with us to sing along with the team song before the start: "All those tears and oh-so-needs..."

Something seemed wrong when we found ourselves applauding the Swiss national anthem — the England supporter is not known for such sportsmanship. Perhaps it was misplaced complacency: more likely, the fair-weather fans in our midst.

For the committed follower of the national team, there is nothing like feeling far from home, threatened and out-

numbered. There is nothing like adversity to raise the spirits, supporters and players in this together. We sing for 90 minutes and urge them ever onward. Critical reflection comes later. But not on Saturday. There was barely a chant after half-time.

It is a curious thing, but I have never before wished I was Swiss. There they were, though, packed into their small section of the ground, with their flags, their songs and their cowbells. They were having a good time long before they scored.

Something was missing from England on Saturday. This was not the do-or-die of 1990. The players were not chasing every lost cause. They ambled back into position after promising build-ups came to nothing. That hurts. The Swiss played out of their skins and we should have done too. Were we unfit? Or still paying the price for that night in Hong Kong? There really is no excuse.

I cannot put a price on the cost of following the national team — the money saved on the relationships tested, boliday devoted to the cause — and now? Two years of hope and eager anticipation has been shattered at a stroke. Some people might think it's all over, but I guess I'll give them just one more chance, against the Scots on Saturday.





## EURO 96

## THE COMPLETE GUIDE

## GROUP A

## ENGLAND

There were no players at England's Bisham Abbey training camp yesterday, but their faces in the tunnel after the draw against the Swiss on Saturday told you everything you needed to know about their reaction. Paul Gascoigne and Steve McManaman were the first to storm past the waiting media with lips sealed and grim expressions. David Seaman and Gary Neville were as polite and courteous as ever, dismayed by the setback, and Paul once stopped to speak, too, but Stuart Pearce seemed to be feeling the pain the most. Somebody plucked up the courage to ask Pearce if he thought he was injured when it came to England and penalties. "I missed one penalty six years ago if that's what you mean," the Nottingham Forest defender snarled. "When you play for your country for nine years, occasionally things will go against you. But it is our performance that left a bitter taste, not the penalty decision."

OH

## GROUP B

## SPAIN

Spare a thought for the Spanish. They only managed their first training session for this championship six days ago and the coach, Javier Clemente, has devised some exquisite torture to put untested feet back into legs drained by a never-ending season. Ice-filled swimming pools were just the start. Now, it is water therapy (as opposed to England's laser therapy). It involves jets of icy water aimed at delicate tissue, followed by saunas and freezing plunges. On top of that, there is strenuous massage and even acupuncture. It is all finished off by a long soak in a massage pool. They may not win this tournament, but they must have a chance in the synchronised swimming at the Olympics. It is an unusual preparation, but Clemente believes that it may just give his side an edge. "Sometimes it can become too intense during the build-up," he said. "This has helped my players relax, and we might see the benefits later."

DM

## GROUP C

## GERMANY

At times, Euro 96 is less like a football tournament than a beach market. Even the Germans, who usually handle these things better, are not immune. Andreas Köpcke, their Eintracht Frankfurt goalkeeper, who is expected to sign for Stuttgart, planned a press conference on Saturday to announce his future, but cancelled it at the last minute. Even more doubtful were reports yesterday that Jürgen Klinsmann is heading for Chelsea. "After last week's friendly against France, Jürgen said on television that he would remain with Bayern whatever the difficulties, and he is not one to go easily back on his word," a German FA spokesman said. Germany were pleased to welcome back Mario Basler on Saturday after an operation in Berlin to remove a loose fragment of bone in his ankle had been successful. Yesterday, Basler was walking freely around the camp, and is expected to be fit to face Russia next Sunday.

PB

## GROUP D

## DENMARK

So much for Scandinavians being a race with suicidal tendencies. The Denmark camp is so happy that the beef they brought with them to their base in Yorkshire should be tested. No potential problem has proved too big a hurdle. MD Foods, the team's sponsor, had been troubled by rumours that it would not be allowed to serve its dairy products at team functions because of a conflict of interests with Carlsberg, a tournament sponsor. However, MD and Carlsberg have reached a happy compromise, and now the world's media can tuck into as much cheese and biscuits as they like when they meet the team. Having got off to a poor start in the European championship finals four years ago, when they won the title, Richard Møller Nielsen, the coach, is more than happy to take one game at a time.

AR

## SWITZERLAND

No rest for those wicked Swiss, who dared to snatch a draw against England's "Cuckoo Clots" on Saturday. Not long after the last corner had been dragged out of Wembley, the buoyant squad was swooping its Hertfordshire headquarters for rooms at The Bell in Sutton Coldfield. It is nearer Villa Park, where they play Holland on Thursday. Little time for celebrations, either. Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, decreed more practice yesterday morning, when the players were instructed to trot along to Bodmoor Heath, the Aston Villa training ground, for another go-kart session in the sun. The Swiss press were also in joyous mood after despatching their English counterparts 3-1 before the main event at Wembley. Apparently, it all went badly wrong for our brave lads after they decided, bewilderingly, to instal a certain Graham Kelly between the sticks. They should have known better, surely?

RK

## BULGARIA

Bulgaria, land of peasant farmers and backward industrialists scratching to make a living in the brave, new capitalist world, right? Wrong, at least if you are a footballer. Their stars are among the highest-paid in Europe, and the Bulgarian football association has had to go some to ensure that they have offered a sufficiently motivating bonus. It used to be that countries from eastern Europe saw liberty as the best bonus of all when playing in this championship. Not any more. The squad is on a £2.5 million incentive to lift the trophy, and their biggest stars, such as Stoichkov and Letchkov, can expect to pick up a cool half-million if they guide their team-mates to success. The coach, Dimitar Penev, is happy enough with the efforts of his association, and he believes everything is in place to ensure a new name on the trophy. "We set ourselves several objectives before this tournament, and every one has been reached," he said.

DM

## CZECH REPUBLIC

Such is the degree of mobility around Europe in the modern era that it is hard to believe that none of the Czech Republic players, other than Pavel Srnec, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, had ever seen Old Trafford before their visit on Saturday. They gazed in wonder and were so highly impressed that the odds on at least one of the squad signing for Manchester United have now been shortened. "They thought it was brilliant," a team spokesman said. Dusan Uhrin, the Czech coach, kept training light ahead of the game yesterday, with the emphasis on players just running around and having fun. What will make or break the team over the tournament, however, will be its "psychological preparation". The Czechs' hotel rooms are too small for sharing, so the players sit alone in contemplation of goals, glory and a possible move to England.

AR

## PORTUGAL

With Portuguese clubs penurious, and so offering easy pickings for the big clubs of Italy, Spain and England, Portugal's game with Denmark last night was one of the main attractions for the scouts so far. Vitor Bala, the captain, has already left FC Porto to rejoin Bobby Robson at Barcelona, and the futures of the Parma defender, Fernando Couto, and Joo Pinto, the little striker, are a constant source of speculation, with Benfica also unlikely to be able to hold on to their star forward. Liverpool were connected with Pinto last season, but decided, probably rightly, that his fragile skills were unlikely to transfer successfully to the FA Cup Premiership. Manchester United's interest in Couto is harder, but that, too, has yet to be translated into a firm bid. "It's all speculation," Joseph Wilson, the Portugal press officer, said yesterday. "At the moment all we are concerned with is our next game."

PB

## HOLLAND

Pitches have caused a few diplomatic embarrassments in Euro 96, with several countries having complained that their training facilities were not up to scratch. Germany were misled by the lack of a suitable surface, not umbrellas, at Macclesfield Town's Moss Rose ground, while Switzerland and Turkey have had their problems, too. At least Holland's teething problems at Clarence Park, home of St Albans City, have finally been sorted out. Initially, the Dutch were ready to go elsewhere after St Albans refused to blank out their advertising boards, as instructed by Euro 96 officials. Eventually, the Iolo League premier division club relented, covered up, and are now happily playing host to Guus Hiddink's squad. Hence, work-watcher talking to fellow onlooker: "This must be the best side you've ever had down here?" Hence ad reply: "No, not really. Arsenal have been here quite a few times."

RK

## ROMANIA

Anghel Iordanescu, the Romania coach and committed Christian, has claimed that the "only way to win Euro 96 is to be offensive". Well, Romania certainly had no compassion for the Durham School XI against whom they lined up at Newcastle's Maiden Castle training ground. Virtually all the 22-man squad had a run out and the A level students did not know whether to attempt tackles or request autographs in a match refereed by George Courtney, the retired Fifa official. While Courtney is a primary school headmaster in Spennymoor, Hagl, Romania's star player, is a partner with an Arab dentist in a Bucharest surgery but seems likely to remain a sleeping figurehead as he appears certain to swap Barcelona for Japan, the United States or England this summer. No matter, his dental skills might have been required on Friday when the Romanians trained between ducking cricket balls flying over from an adjacent university student match at Maiden Castle.

LT

## ITALY

They are very sympathetic. In the Italy camp, over the attention and criticism levelled at the England team. They also believe that such criticism is a boon. As Roberto Mucci pointed out, just look how far the Italians got after their shocking for a poor start to the 1994 World Cup in the United States. However, as group C is particularly talented, Italy are trying to play out all their disappointing games before their opening match tomorrow. Hence an explanation for their uninspiring victory over Hungary before arriving in England for the European championship finals and their even less promising 2-0 defeat of Stoke City's under-18s at the Victoria Ground on Saturday evening in a behind-closed-doors match. The starting line-up for the last match before a competitive fixture is usually indicative of what Arrigo Sacchi has in mind for the big game. Maybe not this time.

AR

## TURKEY

When Turkey threw a barbecue at their Belton Woods hotel headquarters, near Grantham, on Saturday, for players, officials and journalists, the response was rather more enthusiastic than they anticipated. About 20 Turkish television crews turned up to film and dine alongside the 18th green of the hotel golf course, which, presumably, did wonders for the putting surface. Yes, kebabs were on the menu, as well as feta cheese and salad, but the Turks were also treated to the local speciality of Lincolnshire sausage. The chef clearly has a diploma in international relations, too, as he discreetly ignored beef and made the dish with lamb instead. This evening, designated Turkish Cultural Day in nearby Nottingham, the players will get their first glimpse of the City Ground, where they take on Croatia in their opening group D match tomorrow. It is a closed training session. No cameras, please.

RK

## SCOTLAND

At what point does realism turn into disloyalty? The plans of the Scotland defender, Stewart McKimmie, pose the question. It transpires that the Aberdeen player has booked his family holiday in Florida to start on June 22. McKimmie, however, will only be able to fly out that day if his country is eliminated at the group stage. The manager, Craig Brown, may also have some reservations about his team's prospects. Alex Smith, one of his coaching staff, is due to defend a civil action and, with the setting of a trial date in mind, Brown has written to the court to say there is a "distinct possibility" that the Scotland party will be free to return home after meeting Switzerland on June 18. Of course, McKimmie and Brown may just be working in concert to delude Holland, this afternoon's opponents, as to Scotland's true resolve. More will surely be known by supper-time.

RM

## FRANCE

The Blackburn street vendor who took a gamble on a job lot of berets, plastic onions and striped shirts will be suicidal: Christophe Dugarry has decided to turn to Italy instead of Ewood Park. Surprising that, especially given England's performance in their opening game against Switzerland on Saturday. Dugarry expressed remorse to the English journalists present, but explained that even though Rangers had made him a lucrative offer, there were other considerations in plumping for AC Milan. There are no prizes for guessing that the depressing technical standard of the English game was high on the list. "At the moment, I believe that England is still quite a way behind the top European countries such as Italy, Spain and France," he said. "I think that I am going to have success in the European competitions if I move to Italy. I was happy with the money, but it is not everything."

DM

## RUSSIA

After seeing his Spartak Moscow side torn apart by the depredations of Western clubs, it is perhaps hardly surprising that Oleg Romanov, the Russia coach, is trying to keep his players under wraps for this tournament. After extending Ajax and Juventus before Christmas, Spartak fell away meekly after the winter break. This tournament offers Romanov the chance to put the record straight, but, he admitted, "it puts extra pressure on us". The capacity of Russian teams to cope with pressure has been one of their problems in the past. "Teams have sometimes lost the psychological battle," Romanov said, and with Italy to face in the first match tomorrow, the Russians' psychological preparedness will be vital. At the team's open day, at Wigan on Friday, the players signed autographs for the local children, but were kept away from the press. Romanov is trying to avoid them, but will hold a press conference today, at UEFA's insistence.

AR

## CROATIA

Miroslav Blazevic is the oldest coach at the European championship finals. Blazevic, 61, will also be one of the quietest, judging by his display at a press conference in Oakham, Leicestershire, yesterday. Impatiently clutching a cigarette, and clearly desperate for the talk to be finished so that he could light up, he was about as communicative as Duncan Ferguson on a quiet day. His lack of linguistic skills did not help, but he has at least mastered two coherent responses. "Absolutely," if he agrees with the questioner's observation, or "Absolutely not," if he does not. Expect liberal helpings of journalistic licence in any stories involving comments from Blazevic over the next few weeks. Better to chat to Davor Suker, the Real Madrid striker. When asked if he would be joining the Croatian influx to England, he said: "No. They drive on the wrong side of the road. It is too dangerous."

RK

## MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

## GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1  
(at Wembley, attendance 75,567)

Today  
Holland v Scotland (Villa Park, 4.30)

Thur June 13  
Switzerland v Holland (Villa Park, 7.30)

Sat June 15  
England v Scotland (Wembley, 3.0)

Tues June 18  
Scotland v Switzerland (Villa Park, 7.30)

Tues June 18  
England v Holland (Wembley, 7.30)

## GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1  
Munoz (73) Stoichkov (65 pen)  
(at Elland Road, attendance 25,006)

Today  
Romania v France (St James' Park, 7.30)

Thur June 13  
Bulgaria v Romania (St James' Park, 4.30)

Sat June 15  
France v Spain (Elland Road, 6.0)

Tues June 18  
France v Bulgaria (St James' Park, 4.30)

Tues June 18  
Romania v Spain (Elland Road, 4.30)

## GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0  
Zigge (25) Moller (31)  
(at Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Tomorrow  
Italy v Russia (Anfield, 4.30)

Fri June 14  
Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 7.30)

Sun June 16  
Russia v Germany (Old Trafford, 3.0)

Wed June 19  
Italy v Germany (Old Trafford, 7.30)

Wed June 19  
Russia v Czech Republic (Anfield, 7.30)

## GROUP D

Not including last night's match  
Denmark v Portugal (Hillsborough)

Tomorrow  
Turkey v Croatia (City Ground, 7.30)

Fri June 14  
Portugal v Turkey (City Ground, 4.30)

Sun June 16  
Croatia v Denmark (Hillsborough, 6.0)

Wed June 19  
Croatia v Portugal (City Ground, 4.30)

Wed June 19  
Turkey v Denmark (Hillsborough, 4.30)

## P W D L F A Pts

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Switzerland 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Holland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Scotland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## P W D L F A Pts

Spain 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Bulgaria 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

Romania 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

France 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## P W D L F A Pts

Germany 1 1 0 0 2 0 3

Czech Rep 1 0 0 1 0 2 0

Italy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Russia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## P W D L F A Pts

Denmark 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Portugal 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Turkey 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Croatia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

## QUARTER-FINALS

Sat June 22 Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A (Anfield, 6.30)

Sun June 23 Winners Group C v Runners-up Group D (Old Trafford, 3.0)

Sat June 22 Runners-up Group B v Winners Group A (Wembley, 3.0)

Sun June 23 Runners-up Group C v Winners Group D (Villa Park, 6.30)

## SEMI-FINALS

Wed June 26 Villa Park winners v Anfield winners (Old Trafford, 4.0)

Wed June 26 Wembley winners v Old Trafford winners (Wembley, 7.30)

## FINAL

Sun June 30 Wembley (7.0)

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

1950 USSR

1954 Spain

1958 Italy

1972 West Germany

1976 Czechoslovakia

1980 West Germany

1984 France

1988 Holland

1992 Denmark

## RUNNERS-UP

1950 Yugoslavia

1954 USSR

1958 Yugoslavia

1972 USSR

1976 West Germany

1980 Belgium

1984 Spain

1988 USSR

1992 Germany

## LATEST BETTING

7-2: Germany

5-1: Italy

11-2: Holland

6-1: France

8-1: England

9-1: Spain

10-1: Portugal

12-1: Croatia

## LATEST BETTING

16-1: Russia

25-1: Bulgaria

25-1: Romania

25-1: Denmark

50-1: Switzerland

55-1: Czech Republic

80-1: Scotland

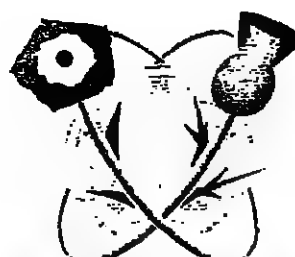
100-1: Turkey

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# Old scores to settle as hostilities are resumed



## THE THISTLE AND THE ROSE

David Miller begins a three-part series on the rivalry between England and Scotland

In 1955, Stanley Matthews prepared for England's match against Scotland a little differently from Paul Gascoigne and his pals in their warm-up for Euro 96. He fasted for three days. England won 7-2 and Matthews, a mere 40 at the time, had a hand in all seven goals. Spare me talk of the 29-year-old superstar Gazza.

It was the end of the league season and I felt I'd become a bit sluggish with Blackpool. "Sir Stanley recalls, "so, the previous week, I had nothing to eat for three days, just a little water. On the Monday before the game, I started eating a little — some salads, carrot juice. By Saturday, I felt tremendous. If the ball had gone over the stand, I'd have followed it."

Harry Haddock, the Scotland left back and captain of Clyde, vainly attempted to follow the maestro and received the worst drubbing of his career. So supreme was Matthews that, to this day, Haddock remembers the occasion with reverence, indeed gratitude. His humiliation made him briefly famous. "It's a memory I treasure," Haddock would recall 30 years later. "Stan did things that day that people nowadays would not believe possible."

The story of the oldest of all international fixtures, begun in 1872, is peppered with spectacular victories for both sides in a sporting rivalry that is understood by political history. There is no exaggeration in the assertion by many Scots this week that they would accept failure to qualify for the quarter-finals of the championship provided that they can beat England at Wembley on Saturday.



Matthews (inset), the maestro on their wing, had a hand in every England goal



Wilshaw scores his fourth and England's seventh goal in their rout of Scotland in 1955. Matthews (inset), the maestro on their wing, had a hand in every England goal

The passions of Burns and Bruce are imperishable.

Undoubtedly, the worst moment in Scottish football was the afternoon that England won the World Cup, a trophy that, by implication, the Scots claimed when they won 3-2 at Wembley the next April against a team with ten of the heroes of 1966, Greaves having returned in place of Hunt.

The rivalry is mutual. A few years after that Scottish triumph, the England team stepped off the plane at Glasgow for the biennial final at Hampden. "Welcome to

Scotland, Sir Alf," a jocular Scottish journalist quipped. "You must be bloody joking." Ramsey replied, deadpan. He had played four times at right back against Scotland, including England's 3-2 defeat at Wembley in 1951, with a forward line of Matthews, Manion, Mortensen, Hassall and Finney.

Scotland have had other memorable moments besides 1967. The glorious Scotland team of the 1920s won 5-1 at Wembley in 1928, they had three consecutive victories from 1962 to 1964 and their hopes

invaded the pitch, removing turf souvenirs, after the 2-1 victory of 1977, a reverse that precipitated Don Revie's defection to Arabia.

The next year, the clash at Hampden immediately preceded Scotland's departure for Argentina, under their manager, Ally MacLeod, for the World Cup. All of Scotland had come to believe that they were about to win the World Cup and I earned derision by confidently forecasting an England victory, for which I was "invited", as visiting freak, to explain myself on Scottish television. That afternoon, Steve Coppell scored the only goal and "Ally's Army" soon disintegrated against Peru and Iran.

My most memorable match would be the execution of 1955 by Matthews. There was the view,

throughout his 33-year career, that his dribbling delayed England's play. The selection committee of the Football Association — as confused a body then as now — regularly dropped him in this belief, and would then be obliged to recall him.

There was a newspaper strike in London at the time, so the only report was in the *Manchester Guardian*. "Holds the game up, does he?" Donnie Davies, the *Guardian's* former international, asked. "Just ask Haddock or Cunningham. They need someone to

hold them up before the end. Matthews was so fast, his own colleagues [Revie, Lofthouse, Wilshaw and Blunstone, the Chelsea flyer] often couldn't keep up with him." Lofthouse, who scored two of his 30 goals for England, recalled: "Stan set up all our goals. The talk always comes back to him, doesn't it? The opposition spends all week discussing how to stop him and then on the day can do nothing."

Sir Stanley, who took part in the opening ceremony at Wembley on Saturday, remembers it well. "I knew that Harry Haddock was particularly fast, but, on the day, I was fitter than him," he said. "I remember that I pushed the ball past him early on and from that moment I knew I was quicker. I think this destroyed his confidence." Haddock recalled that Scottish

officials had advised him that he should "have a go at him, he's got no left foot". He quickly discovered this to be far from the truth. "The first time Stan got the ball, he cut inside me and shivered the crossbar with his left. Don't let anyone tell you his game was incomplete. Playing against him was strange. You'd go into him and find he was gone. You could see what he was going to do and there was nothing you could do to stop it."

The extraordinary thing was that once he'd gone past you, he had forgotten about you. His mind was on the next objective. It was marvellous to discover his brilliance, but find he was just like any other fellow. I went to shake hands afterwards and Stan merely said: "I think the ball was running for me today."

He had helped to lay on four goals for Wilshaw, and this against a full back who had subdued Hungary's exceptional winger, Sandor, and would be a member of Scotland's World Cup squad in Sweden three years later. There have been few individual performances to match it.

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## RUGBY UNION: TV DEAL THREATENS FIVE NATIONS' FUTURE

### England resolve to reach for Sky

By DAVID HANDS  
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) will today announce details of a five-year agreement with BSkyB, the satellite television company, which could spell the end of the five nations' championship in its present form. The jewel in the northern-hemisphere crown, it appears, is for sale.

Having reached agreement in principle with its leading clubs, the RFU feels confirmed in its decision to negotiate broadcasting rights separately from its home-union partners. Ireland, Scotland and Wales threaten to be equally intransigent when it comes to continuing century-old fixtures.

The new agreement, said to be worth about £87 million, is

due to come into effect next April and the RFU hopes that the other home unions will reflect during the intervening period on how much may be lost in breaking off international playing relationships. It is, however, far more likely that a long-range exchange of insults will take place, designed to emphasise England as the offending party.

All parties must acknowledge, however, that the ground rules for rugby union changed fundamentally when the game went open last August. Just as leading clubs discovered a financial imperative that did not previously exist, so governing bodies now find that gentlemen's agreements will not do any more.

At a meeting last week, BSkyB (which is 40 per cent

owned by News International, owners of *The Times*) threatened to withdraw its offer unless the RFU agreed to the money on the table. The imponderable must be whether England can offer a viable international programme if cast out of the five nations.

Television's primary concern is the senior game and the fact that News Corporation effectively bankrolls the southern-hemisphere powers may contribute towards the establishment of a "Super Five" competition involving England, France, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Yet the RFU may have to restructure, at considerable expense, its entire age-group representative programme. England play Ireland at A and under-21 levels and all three

home unions at colts and 19-group schools levels.

"I believe that the home unions are bound to play one another next season, under the terms of the existing BBC contract," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "Certainly, there would be no question of us not playing. I would have thought anyone trying to change would be in breach of contract."

The problem for the other home unions is, if Sky is committed to England, will terrestrial channels offer them the money they need for a competition that does not involve England? At the same time, the RFU must be wary of alienating its own supporters, whose love affair with the five nations' championship has endured so long.

### Wales must find new challenge to tackle

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Wales ..... 58

By DAVID HANDS

"THE system that Wales is part of is not challenging the players' ability," Terry Cobner said in Brisbane on Saturday after watching Wales's hopes of respectability in the two-match series with Australia fade into the night.

Cobner, the Wales manager and his union's director of rugby, may have been talking of domestic club rugby, but the quality of international rugby in the northern hemisphere is also in question. Victory over France in Cardiff last March seemed an age ago as Wales conceded seven tries to a revamped Australia.

The side, led for the first time by John Eales, showed all the positive qualities that have been so apparent in the recent Super 12 tournament. Their first try, by Joe Roff, came after only 54 seconds; they were comfortable with the ball in hand and played with a fierce intensity.

Wales were well-disciplined and their fitness kept them in the hunt for loose possession, but their first-time tackling was that of boys against men. Only when the game was won, at 42-6 in the third

quarter, did Australia's concentration waver.

Wales's mistakes were punished relentlessly and, if Australia had not been twice recalled for infringements, they would have passed the 63 points that they scored against Wales, also at Ballymore, five years ago.

Burke, whose kicking has benefited from the coaching of David Alred, kept up the strike rate of 80 per cent that he achieved in the Super 12. Nine successful goals from 11 attempts gave him 21 points, although Jenkins, too, showed that he operates at the highest level — four goals from five taking his aggregate in internationals to 440.

SCORES: Australia: Tries: Roff, Caputo, Wilson, Manu Howard, Murdoch, Morgan; Conversions: Burke (10); Penalty goals: Burke (3); Wales: Tries: Proctor, Taylor, Llewellyn; Conversions: Jenkins (2); Penalty goals: Jenkins (2); AUSTRALIA: M. C. Burns (NSW), A. R. Murdoch (NSW), J. Roff (ACT), T. J. Hewson (Queensland), D. I. Campbell (NSW), P. W. Howard (ACT), G. M. Morgan (ACT), R. H. Morgan (ACT), E. J. A. McInnes (ACT), D. P. Morgan (ACT), G. J. Morgan (Queensland), J. A. Eales (Queensland), Caputo, D. J. Wilson (Queensland), G. Manu (NSW). Manu replaced by M. C. Burns (NSW) (50min).

WALE: W. T. Proctor (Llanelli), I. G. Evans (Llanelli), L. B. Davies (Neath), N. G. Davies (Llanelli), G. Thomas (Pontypool), R. H. Jenkins (Pontypool), R. H. Morgan (Bristol), C. D. Lousder (Swansea), J. M. Humphreys (Cardiff), C. Davies (Neath), H. T. Taylor (Cardiff), G. O. Llewellyn (Harlequins), D. Jones (Cardiff), R. G. Jones (Llanelli), S. Williams (Neath), J. Davies (replaced by J. Mustoe (Cardiff), 61), M. J. Voyke (Newport) (replaced by R. G. Jones (11-21) and D. Jones (64-47)). Referee: G. Watkins (New Zealand).

### Scotland fail to build on promising start

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FROM MARK SOUSTER  
IN INVERCARGILL

ALL Scotland's bullish talk about the quality of the performance mattering more than the result, as had been the case against Waikato, was forgotten in Invercargill yesterday. The tourists carved out an invaluable victory over Southland, one which, in the absence of the injured Townsend, owed more to their endeavour than inspiration.

With the first international only a week away against the same All Black XV that brushed aside Western Samoa on Friday, it was imperative that Scotland won. Worryingly for their prospects against New Zealand in Dunedin, the Scots again drifted in and out of a match that should have been secured long before their superior fitness took them clear in the final quarter.

Rob Wainwright conceded that too many flaws and basic errors still bedeviled their game. "I've never been a great believer in wins at the expense of performance, but we really did need a win today. The boys started off slowly, but in the second half, finally got a

measure of control. We did go off the boil, but we can and will pick up our game a lot before we meet the All Blacks."

Scotland looked set for a comfortable victory as they established a 10-0 advantage by the fourteenth minute, a Wainwright try being converted by Shepherd, who also kicked a penalty goal. Then a soft try was conceded and panic set in.

They turned 14-13 in arrears, but Shepherd restored their lead with a 58th-minute penalty. Two attempts at a pushover were repulsed with embarrassing ease before Wainwright stepped in to spare the forwards' blushes. Logan, the one player to run straight and with purpose, scored his third try of the tour and McKenzie then went over after a lineout.

SCORES: Southland: Tries: Burns, Wilson, Connelley; Conversions: Campbell (2); Scotland XV: Tries: Wainwright, Logan; Conversions: Connelley, Shepherd (2); Penalty goals: Shepherd (4); SOUTHLAND: E. Crossland, J. Dymally, J. Vele, M. Seymour, H. Burns, S. Collins, R. McCormack, R. Bolland, D. Heape, S. Hayes, S. Harvey, R. Newell, M. Wilson, J. Windies, P. Henderson; SCOTLAND XV: R. Shepherd (Midlothian), J. Johnstone (Leicester), S. Hastings (Worcestershire), R. Edwards (London Scots), K. Logan (Glasgow), C. Chisholm (Midlothian), G. Armstrong (Newcastle), D. Hiron (Leith), R. McKenna (Strathclyde), B. Stewart (Edinburgh Academicals), N. Wainwright (Worcestershire), G. Wainwright (Newcastle), S. Campbell (Dundee High School F.C.), N. Broughton (Midlothian), B. Herwick (Hawick). Referee: S. Welch (Wellington).

## ROWING

### Haining is heading for Atlanta

By MIKE ROSEWELL  
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

FOUR more British boats qualified for the Olympic Games in Atlanta this weekend, including Peter Haining, the world lightweight sculls champion, who qualified as a heavyweight.

In the six-seat final in Lucerne yesterday, Haining, 34, had to finish in the top three. At 700 metres, he was leading, but even though men — Bekker, of Norway, and Cameron, of Australia — came through in the second half, Haining could still ease up before the line and achieve third place.

An Olympic medal would seem to be beyond him, but final places, even medals, could come for the men's lightweight double and the women's eight. The double of Nick Strange and Andy Sinton produced a scintillating first 1,000 metres yesterday to lead Italy, who are tipped to do well in Atlanta. The Italians crept past by 1,500 metres, but Britain were still overlapping on the line and were, remarkably, 4sec faster than the winning heavyweight double.

The British women's eight produced a performance on Saturday that seemed to give vent to the year of frustration since failing to ensure direct Olympic qualification in Finland last summer. They blasted off the start and continued to blast, finishing with clear water over the other qualifier, Australia. They also beat the Rotsee record, set by the Americans last weekend, by more than 3sec and were only 1.5sec outside the world record set by Romania.

The success of Bill Mason, the coach, in instilling squad morale was earlier demonstrated when Phillips Cross and Kate Mackenzie achieved a second place in the coxless pairs and also booked Olympic selection, but the British team's elation was muted by the failure of Alison Brownless and Jane Hall to qualify in the women's lightweight double by just 1.3sec.

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## BOXING

### Hamed reveals chinks in his defensive armoury

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NASEEM HAMED had two new experiences on Saturday at the Newcastle Arena: he got hit and had to pick himself up off the floor. They were the two best things that have happened to him.

They should have a salutary effect, as they do on all good world champions. Now the Sheffield showman, who had beaten all of his previous 21 opponents without getting hit, knows that a boxing match cannot be one-sided all the time and sometimes it pays to keep your hands up and your chin down.

Yet all credit to Hamed for getting out of an awkward situation during the defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship against Daniel Aliche. While many a boxer might have had a couple of cautious rounds after getting a fright in the first round, sensibly Hamed did not give Aliche time to gain confidence from his success. He shrugged off the embarrassment of finding himself on the floor against a little-known Puerto Rican, took his standing count of eight, gathered himself and

disposed of the upstart with two well-placed left hands in the second round.

It was good to see that the three straight rights that sent Hamed to the floor had had a sobering effect on the normally brash young man by the time he turned up for the post-fight press conference. Refreshingly, he did not make the usual excuses. He said he had paid for getting too complacent and took his momentary humiliation in the ring in good part.

"I got caught and tested the floor out for him," Hamed said. "I never thought I'd get put down, but I'm only human. The first two I took were better than the knockdown [below]. The knockdown was one I did not see."

"If I get hit, all the better, let's fight. You wipe your lips and carry on and that's what I did. All I had to do was let my shots go. If I hit any fighter in my weight, I will take him out. That's why I'll never lose. If any of them think they're going to come out and push that button and think I'm going to go down and not get back up, it's not me. If I

get hit, I come back even stronger."

While acknowledging that Hamed can punch, some experts now believe Hamed's lack of defensive skills could be his undoing. If Hamed is allowed to shape into his punches, he carries enough power to dispose of any featherweight in the world, but, from this performance it seems that he could find himself in serious trouble when forced to stand and trade.

Eddie Futch, the trainer of Wayne McCullough, the World Boxing Council bantamweight champion from Northern Ireland, explained: "As I have said before, if you are right in his [Hamed's] face, as this guy Aliche was, inside his hitting zone and you don't give him room to use his long punches, he doesn't know what to do. All he does to get out of the way is lean back. All could get away with that sort of thing because he was a big guy. This is a small guy and now we know about his chin as well. If a non-puncher like Aliche, who is just an eight-round fighter, can put him down."

Hamed is expected back in the ring in July, perhaps on the Mike Tyson v Bruce Seldon bill in Las Vegas, and then could meet Azumah Nelson in September. Frank Warren, the promoter, has also had offers from South Africa to box Vuyani Bungu, the International Boxing Federation super-bantamweight champion.

□ Oscar de la Hoya made a strong claim to be recognised as the world's best pound-for-pound boxer when he overcame the great Julio Cesar Chavez, of Mexico, in Las Vegas on Saturday, winning the World Boxing Council light-welterweight championship. De la Hoya, at 23 years younger than his opponent, opened a cut over Chavez's left eye in the first round and never relinquished control. The contest eventually being stopped 3min 37sec into the fourth round. It was Chavez's second defeat in 100 professional contests.



Naseem Hamed, right, suffers the rare experience of being put on the canvas by the challenger, Aliche



## CRICKET

# England cheered by happy ending to brief encounter

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EDGBASTON (fourth day of five): England beat India by eight wickets

ENGLAND have suffered so much distress around the cricketing world that victory must never be lightly dismissed. Michael Atherton was sipping champagne before lunchtime yesterday, and rightly so, for in the eventual defeat of India, there was much to celebrate. It is a pity, then, that there has to be a "but".

The caveats to praise of England's performance in this first Test match are that victory was achieved against a shallow opposition, on a sub-standard pitch and with the inculcable help of three contentious umpiring decisions. Things will not always fall so happily for Atherton's team, so it is as well that it seems to have acquired the tenacity to cope in adversity.

As the captain was swift to stress later, the margin of victory disguised the volatile nature of the game. "There were periods when it was in the balance," Atherton said. "We were made to work hard for it and we showed a bit of character in the tough times."

When asked to describe the fickle surface, which once again short-changed Edgbaston's weekend spectators, Atherton grinned. "I got my knuckles rapped for speaking out here last year, so I had better keep my thoughts to myself. Let's just say it was interesting." There were plenty of batsmen, having had their knuckles rapped physically rather than figuratively, and plenty of disgruntled ticket-holders, who were willing to select a somewhat stronger word for it.

Nasser Hussain, the man of the match for his decisive century on Friday, described it as "a funny pitch with uneven bounce". He added: "If the bowlers put it in the right place, it was a constant struggle." And this, from one of only two men in the game, the other being a genius named Sachin Tendulkar, who managed to make batting look relatively comfortable.

Warwickshire officials defend the quality of their square with the huffiness of the paranoid, but even they must concede that staging two consecutive Test matches of embarrassing brevity is more than an unfortunate coincidence. Whereas the game last year was over by Saturday lunchtime, this one hobbled into its fourth day only because England saw no rush to finish it on the third.

It is small wonder that so few people had purchased advance tickets for yesterday and the concession of the Test and County Cricket Board that they can all have a 50 per cent discount on the corresponding Sunday here next

June is unlikely to be greeted as a great bargain. The main reasons why the angry crowd scenes of last year were not repeated are that few people had bothered to come and that, this time, England won.

In their present form, India can offer no more than the best batsman in the world and an incisive pair of new-ball bowlers. Between them, this valiant trio sustained an uneven fight against an England side that was collectively far superior.

The selectors must be applauded for the renaissance of Hussain and Chris Lewis, and for the quietly encouraging bleeding of Ronnie Irani and Alan Mullally. They also deserve credit for picking men who can field, for this was the most striking area of improvement in England's game.

England unquestionably had the better of the umpiring. Darrell Hair, the Australian, had an unhappy game and while he could not be blamed for adjudicating on Rathore's dismissal on Saturday morning — only Hick knows if the ball did not carry to him at slip — his reprieve of Hussain, from an apparent leg-side glove to the wicketkeeper on Friday, and of Atherton, palpably leg-before on Saturday evening, were harder to explain away.

The Indians, being a gentlemanly side, offer none of this

by way of excuse. "Everyone saw what happened so I don't need to say any more," Mohammed Azharuddin, their captain, shrugged, "but I do think the third umpire could be used for help on catches when there is any doubt."

Azharuddin was properly critical of his team's batting. "I was not happy with it. We lost the advantage of the toss on the first day." He presumably included himself in this, for he was out to two poor strokes, on Saturday being bowled behind his legs by Mullally, a serious misjudgement for a player of such quality.

Tendulkar was majestic to behold. His was one of the great centuries, for it was made out of the rubble of an innings and in testing conditions. England would gladly buy his wicket for 50 every time he walks to the middle in this series, for they will now be confident that those around him will come more quietly.

Atherton found himself before the match referee, Carmine Smith, for intervening unnecessarily after Tendulkar had gestured that a ball from Lewis brushed his shirt-sleeve rather than his glove. No action was taken, nor any merited.

Appropriately, Atherton saw his side through to victory yesterday with an unbeaten 53, losing only Hussain as the final 48 were scored in 65 minutes. Raymond Illingworth was not present to see it, but it looks increasingly likely that he will remain as chairman of selectors through the summer.

His disciplinary hearing, provisionally set for Wednesday, has been indefinitely delayed after his solicitor, Alan Herd, asked for more time to mount the defence. It may not be staged until the series against India is over, by which time a victory ought to be secure and even the hawks may pull back from the desire to hasten his retirement.



Hussain: decisive century



Atherton takes evasive action from a Srinath bouncer during his unbeaten 53

## Hussain shows wisdom of backing class

JOHN WOODCOCK



Test Match Commentary

It was probably just as well that England were not playing West Indies in the first Test match at Edgbaston. Well as Srinath and Prasad bowled, confronting Ambrose and Walsh on so awkward a pitch would have been painful and hazardous enough to have prevented Michael Atherton and his side from taking, as they did, the first detectable steps along the road to recovery.

If it could be argued in the past, when draws at Edgbaston were commonplace, that the pitch there was too doleful, the opposite is now the case. That so little still got past Sachin Tendulkar's bat was the measure of his mastery in the first innings. In gratitude for taking the match beyond the third afternoon, Warwickshire should have offered him instant life membership.

They might have thought of doing the same for Nasser Hussain, a cricketer with oriental blood but a method cultivated in England. Apart from him and Tendulkar, only Atherton among those playing in the match purely as batsmen reached 30. Credit for Hussain's rehabilitation belongs to the selectors as well as to the player himself: they saw in him not frailty but substance.

Not the least of the reasons for rejoicing at Hussain's success is the way he stands at the wicket. There is no jumping around or holding the bat on high as though he is about to toss the caber. He stands still, his weight nicely balanced, like a natural player rather than a manufactured one. It is sometimes said that cricket is not a natural game to my mind, that is refuted by many of the best players.

Brian Lara, Tendulkar, Mohammed Azharuddin, Mark Waugh and Ricky Ponting are examples from the cricketers of today who stand and play to the manner born. They could have come into the world with a bat in their hands, they play so instinctively. Hussain used to be one of those and if he has become a little more studied now and a little less spontaneous, that has happened in his search for consistency. As a fielder, he is among the best we have, which is an enormous asset, and at 28, his prime years are yet to come.

With a relatively calm year in prospect for England before they face Australia here next summer and go to the West Indies after that, it is crucial that the selectors give the right batsmen the chance to become established. There have been too many instances in the past of players scoring runs against weaker opposition, only to be found out when the acid test comes along.

England's new coach, David Lloyd, will know about that. By making 214 not out against India at Edgbaston in 1974, he played himself into that winter's tour of Australia, where, to his misfortune, he ran into Lillee and Thomson on the rampage and, in first-class innings, had a top score

of 80. Much the same had happened to Stan Worthington, another Lancastrian who went on, like Lloyd, to become the coach at Old Trafford. Worthington's 87 and 128 against India in the last two Tests of 1936 got him to Australia for the 1936-37 tour ahead of players who would have been better suited to the rough and tumble of Sydney and Melbourne. In 25 first-class innings in Australia, Worthington's top score was 89.

So it is very important at the moment to go for class as well as survivability and to make fielding the tie-breaking factor. Having overcome the tendency to play to the offside with a bat so open-faced that slips and gullies were always blowing on their hands when he was batting, Hussain should do well.

Yet what of Nick Knight, whose fielding is greatly in his favour and who has the added advantage of being left-handed, something that, over the years, England selection committees have been slow to take into account?

Al if who know him say that Knight is suitably ambitious and a fast learner, and his temperament is well regarded. A more possible problem is his height, not against the spinners but in keeping out of trouble against the fast, short stuff. Generally speaking, the best players of modern fast bowling have been short of stature, those who feel most comfortable on the back foot and provide a nimbler, more elusive target when the bouncers fly.

Hick's height has counted against him when facing West Indies, whereas Lamb, Boon, Border and Gavaskar, all small men, and Robin Smith, who is of medium height, have all made runs against them. At almost 6ft 5in, Tony Greig scored a memorable hundred against Lillee and Thomson at Brisbane in 1974-75, but, in more years than one, he was a law unto himself.

Against Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis later this summer, more than against Srinath and Prasad, Knight must show that he, too, is an exception to the rule.

## COMPLETE SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

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A D Jadeja c Atherton b Lewis	23	(17min, 9 balls)
S V Manjrekar c Atherton b Lewis	23	(16min, 47 balls, 4 hours)
S R Tendulkar b Cork	24	(70min, 41 balls, 4 hours)
M Atharuddin c Knight b Srinath	13	(48min, 29 balls, 1 hour)
T N R Mongia b Srinath	20	(48min, 29 balls, 1 hour)
S B Joshi c Thorpe b Mullally	12	(16min, 30 balls, 1 hour)
A Kumble c Knight b Srinath	5	(13min, 30 balls, 1 hour)
J Bishnoi c Russell b Mullally	32	(16min, 30 balls, 1 hour)
P L Mander b Srinath b Cork	38	(11min, 45 balls, 4 hours)
B K V Prasad not out	0	(20min, 10 balls)
Extras (b 3, lb 10, nb 4)	17	
TOTAL (88.1 overs, 303min)	214	

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BY SIMON WILDE

HEADINGLEY (Surrey won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Surrey by eight wickets

THESE are difficult times for the Yorkshire cricket-watching public. Among the most respected of all cricket audiences, they are deferentially referred to by observers as the "knowledgeable Yorkshire crowd". If they do not know what is going on, the argument goes, then nobody does, even if some of the inhabitants of Headingley's West Terrace have behaved as though they do not know what day of the week it is.

But even a Yorkshireman does not find it easy to understand what is "going off" — in the phrase of one of the county's finest, Fred

Trueman — when it comes to their team's relationship with the Headingley ground.

Headingley is the club's headquarters and yet the AXA Equity & Law League match yesterday was only the third the first team has played there this season — which is 58 days old — and their first in the league. As Yorkshire had previously lost three of their five matches, they had already all but surrendered hopes of winning the title.

Although Yorkshire won, the pitch ruined the match as a spectacle, not for the first time on this famous turf. It was variable in pace and bounce and different in character at each end and Surrey's batsmen found themselves out of sorts on it. Quickly finding

themselves 30 for four, the visitors subsided to 90 all out, which, even accounting for the absence of key players, was wholly inadequate.

The honeymoon days that followed David Gilbert's arrival as coach already seem a distant memory and Surrey may look back on their three meetings with Yorkshire as the time everything started to go wrong.

This was a hollow victory for Yorkshire. They bowled well, letting the pitch do the work, fielded sharply and generally looked well-organised, which they are. Hartley did his best collection of no harm by taking an outstanding catch and two wickets for only nine runs.

In response, Yorkshire at first edged cautiously towards their target, with Moxon trying out his damaged hand with a view to playing in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final on Tuesday. It was only when Vaughan and Bevan came together in the day's only partnership worthy of the name that spectators saw anything to rouse them. This pair thumped the ball around with little trouble and saw their side home before 6pm, with 89 balls to spare.

If this is what Sunday league cricket is like, Headingley may not have been so badly off without it — and here, of course, is another moot point, because although people have been watching Yorkshire play here for 105 years, they may not be doing so much longer.

The club is examining the possibilities of moving its headquarters to a greenfield site on the outskirts of Leeds, or to one near Wakefield, or even maybe staying put. The issue remains clouded in uncertainty.

One other thing. It was noticeable that the majority of the crowd of 3,500 huddled on the side of the ground where the old pavilion stands, while the West Terrace stood largely deserted, as though no one wanted to associate himself with the scene of so much notoriety.

During the winter, the club surreptitiously announced it was removing 2,000 seats from this area in response to the riot there during the NatWest Trophy semi-final last August. If Yorkshire do leave Headingley, nobody will be sorry if they say goodbye to such incidents as that.

## Fletcher at home with the county set

Ivo Tennant talks to the Essex man who is still hard at work for club and country

Playing the celebrity never appealed to Keith Fletcher. Even after he had been appointed England captain, he would push David Acland ahead of him when they approached the sponsor's tent on an Essex ground. "Go on," he would say, "you are better educated than me. You talk to them." Years later, when England coach, a fan spotted him sitting unobtrusively in a bar in Portugal. One cry of "Bring back Gower" was enough to make him leave his drink and melt away.

Nobody pesters Fletcher now. When he rejoined his beloved Essex after England terminated his contract last year after the disastrous tour of Australia, he became a "cricket consultant". This curious-sounding role suits him ideally, for he can attend to whichever of the county's teams that he feels warrants his attention. He is pleased, not least, to be away from the media.

Few would have thought of him while England were beating India yesterday. His time as coach, as with his brief tenure as captain, is not remembered with affection. Unlike it should be said, the man himself, for nobody could dislike Fletcher or not respect what he achieved with Essex. Those who have played county cricket under his guidance say that he is pre-eminent at imparting advice to an individual, as opposed to at a team meeting.

At Test level, it was a different matter. The wider stage engulfed him. Fletcher, 52, was obviously upset to lose his job as coach, but has declined to make any public utterances. Considering the disparaging comments Raymond Illingworth made about him and that cheque-books are waved around in these circumstances, this was highly commendable.

Sitting atop the pavilion at Chelmsford, torn between watching Essex in the middle and Nasser Hussain and Ronnie Pringle on television, he emphasised his affection for the game. "I would not want to knock it. Cricket is not the route to becoming a millionaire, but it is a superb way of life, at county or Test level. One day I might write a book, but not yet."

His consultancy role now is primarily concerned with developing youngsters into good enough cricketers to play for Essex and, he stresses, England.



Life after England for Fletcher involves a wide-ranging consultancy role with Essex

When Trevor Bailey first saw the 14-year-old Fletcher, he knew he would become a Test cricketer. Fletcher believes he has seen some 16 and 17-year-olds about whom he can say the same. As for the present generation, Hussain learnt the game under his captaincy and Imani is adamant that he would not have become a Test cricketer without the help of Fletcher and Graham Gooch.

"Nasser grew up in Essex, but Ronnie did not come to us until he was 24," Fletcher said. "We have helped make him into a very good cricketer. He is not technically sound, but he has this tremendous confidence in himself and we have managed to keep that going."

Fletcher gives Lancashire due credit for allowing Imani to change counties. "This should happen elsewhere if a player is not part of

the team. I would not be against a transfer system or giving compensation to counties in those circumstances. We lost Nick Knight to Warwickshire without recompense after developing him and offering him the chance to open the batting. What is needed is for every club to spend the amount of money that Essex do on producing young cricketers.

There should be a centre of excellence at each club's headquarters. Australia produce more good cricketers than we do and it is up to every county to have the ambition to develop England players. I am not convinced that is the case."

When Fletcher was dismissed by England, he had offers of employment from other counties as well as from television. It was

Acland, his close friend and former colleague, who is now chairman of Essex, who asked him to rejoin the county. Was he surprised Fletcher was not a success as England coach? "Yes and no. Keith is ideally suited to dealing with cricketers on a one-to-one basis. We have given him a wide-ranging brief to improve our cricket in Essex."

In winter, Fletcher is to be found in the indoor school at Chelmsford, looking after age groups ranging from the under-12s to the second XI. He remains the countryman, gardening, looking to catch bigger fish and enjoying his golf and skiing. For all the disappointments of his career with England as batsman, captain and coach, he would take up the game again if he was 35 years younger.

## Crawley injury adds to Lancashire woe

BY JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4 pts) beat Lancashire by 17 runs

MORE important in Lancashire eyes than defeat in this match, though that was bad enough, was the injury sustained by John Crawley. He hobbled off the field after completing his stay virtually on one leg. He has pulled a hamstring, not, fortunately, the leg which caused his return from South Africa last winter, but his availability for the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final with Yorkshire tomorrow must be in doubt.

If Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, carried on in similar vein to that displayed in his 88 yesterday, this may not handicap Lancashire all that much. Facing a total of 249, he hit five long sixes in his stay of 83 balls, carried the fight to Essex from the first ball that he received, and almost single-handedly kept Lancashire ahead of the asking rate.

This was Watkinson's third innings as opener in the Sunday game. Each time he has passed 50. When he finally misused Paul Grayson, in an over from which he had already taken two straight sixes, Lancashire were in with a chance; but Grayson, who stuck to

his task with admirable calm, had already dismissed the dangerous Lloyd and Fairbrother. When he had Hegg caught at short mid-wicket, defeat for Lancashire was plainly on the cards.

Grayson has already given healthy indications of being a fine acquisition for Essex. Now he finished with four for 46. As much as anyone, he had given Essex their chance, but the newest recruit had to share the honours with the oldest player in the Essex team yesterday.

For sheer timing combined with weight of stroke, nobody came near to Gooch. His stand of 123 with Prichard took just 16 overs, and he went on to the last over of the Essex innings, clubbing the ball to all quarters. Although he was, surprisingly, slower to his half-century than Prichard, taking 49 balls to Prichard's 43, his mastery of the Lancashire attack was such that his last 37 runs came from only 27 balls.

Ten of these came from a six and a four off successive balls during an extraordinary last over of the Essex innings, bowled by Martin. It contained three wickets (one a run out), 12 runs off the bat, and two wides. Variety in the Sunday league is indeed the spice.

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

As you probably know, when you are missing the queen of a suit and the defence have five cards in it, the odds favour taking a finesse. But if the defence has only four cards, playing for the drop is correct, though not by a much. That also applies if the defence start with five but get a ruff — again you play for the drop, but it is close. Any slight indication the other way can tip the balance in favour of finessing.

Dealer North	Love all	Rubber bridge
♠ J 7 6 3		
♥ 9 8 3		
♦ A K Q 4		
♣ A 10 3		
♠ K 8 5 4		
♥ 10 8 5 3		
♦ 10 8 5 3		
♣ K J		
♠ A		
♥ A K J 10 4 2		
♦ 9 7 8 5 4		
♣ 8 7 5 4		

Final contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: King of clubs

North opened 1NT. South bid Three Hearts. North 3NT and South Four Hearts. I think it would have been better for South (Howard Cohen) to bid Four Hearts directly over 1NT.

He said he bid Three Hearts just in case his partner had heart support and could cue-bid over Three Hearts. I think that is an impractical approach — it still wouldn't be clear whether South should advance beyond Four Hearts. However, it is true that if you give North the queen of hearts and switch his diamond and club holdings, Six Hearts would be an excellent contract.

After the king of clubs West continued with the jack to East's ace. East returned a third round, ruffed by West. West ended with the ten of diamonds, annoyingly removing dummy's only entry before declarer could play off a top

trump. How should declarer now play the trumps? Playing for a 2-2 break of the remaining trumps, Cohen cashed the ace and king and went down. But as he told me afterwards, he should have considered the significance of the lead. K from KJ doubleton is not a particularly attractive lead, and if West had Qxx of hearts there would have been little point in trying for a ruff — he would be almost assured of a trump trick. But if West just had x of hearts, he might try the club lead. So the lead of the king of clubs from a hand containing xx of hearts is more likely than from one containing Qxx of hearts, and that consideration makes it East's ace: East returned a third round, ruffed by West. West ended with the ten of diamonds, annoyingly removing dummy's only entry before declarer could play off a top

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## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DIOECIOUS  
a. Lodging with  
b. Sexually distinct  
c. Impatient

DRUGGET  
a. A narcotic drink  
b. A small mound  
c. Coarse cloth

ETAGERE  
a. Shelving  
b. An inn-keeper  
c. Shelving  
DECENNOVAL  
a. Innovative  
b. Laying ten eggs  
c. To do with 19

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Attrition

True to form, game one of the Karpov-Kamsky Fide world championship in Russia produced a lengthy and bitter attrition. Karpov emerged from the opening with a slight advantage in the shape of the bishop pair and slightly sounder pawn structure, but in compensation Kamsky enjoyed free play for his pieces. After a series of exchanges produced an endgame that most players would have given up for drawn, Karpov ploughed on grimly against his 22-year-old opponent and eventually ground down his resistance. The game was adjourned after five moves and Karpov's 57th move was sealed in an envelope, prior to resumption of the game. However, without waiting, Kamsky resigned by telephone the next day.

This was a victory in Karpov's best style, reminiscent of his remorseless strategic wins against Kasparov in their first world title clash of 1984.

White: Anatoly Karpov

Black: Gata Kamsky

Fide world championship

Elstka. Game one, June 1996

Grandled Defence

1 d4	Nf6
2 c4	g6
3 Nc3	d5
4 Nf3	Bg7
5 Qb3	cxd4
6 Qxc4	0-0
7 e4	Nc6
8 Bc2	Bg4
9 Bc3	Bb7
10 Bxd3	e5
11 d5	Nd4
12 Bc4	0-0
13 Nf5	0-0
14 Qd3	0-0
15 Nc3	0-0
16 Qd3	0-0
17 g3	0-0
18 Bxd4	0-0
19 Ne2	0-0
20 Nd4	0-0
21 Qd5	0-0
22 Nd3	0-0



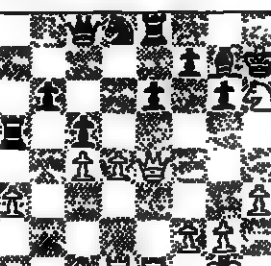
Game two was played over the weekend and resulted in a win for Kamsky. The score is now one win each.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This week and in weeks to come I will be concentrating on positions by Anatoly Karpov and his challenger Gata Kamsky. Black to play. This position is from the game Nurem — Kamsky, Moscow 1995. Black could try 1... Bb2 but then White would regain the piece with 2 Qb4. Instead, Kamsky found something much stronger.



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## SUNDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

### AXA Equity & Law League

#### Essex v Lancashire

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss) Essex (4pts) beat Lancashire by 17 runs

ESSEX	ESSEX
D G J Robinson b Elworthy	48
S D Lacey b Chappell	28
R J Raine run out	13
A G Stoddart b Martin	12
W J Pritchard b Martin	50
W J Pritchard b Martin	50
A P Grayson not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 12)	21
Total (8 wickets, 40 overs)	249
J W Anderson, J B Lewis, P M Such and A P Gower did not bat	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-88, 3-112, 4-228, 5-249, 6-249, 7-249, 8-249, 9-249, 10-249	
BOWLING: Martin 8-0-49, 4-0-55-2, Chappell 7-1-45-1, Elworthy 8-0-36-1, Lacey 5-0-27-0, Watkinson 4-0-28-0	

#### Lancashire

LANCASHIRE	LANCASHIRE
S P Richard run out	1
M Watkinson c and b Grayson	88
J Crawley c Such and b Anderson	23
D L Lloyd c and b Grayson	12
N H Fairbrother c and b Grayson	18
W A Hegg c and b Grayson	16
D Austin b Lewis	1
S Elworthy run out	1
S Elworthy c Such and b Anderson	2
G Chappell b Lacey	1
P J Martin not out	10
Extras (b 6, lb 11, w 10)	27
Total (8 wickets, 40 overs)	232
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-38, 3-105, 4-148, 5-161, 6-185, 7-181, 8-181, 9-192	
BOWLING: Grayson 4-0-36-0, Lacey 7-0-30-1, Anderson 8-0-47-2, Such 4-0-24-0, Grayson 8-0-46-4, Lacey 4-0-24-0	
Umpires: R A White and P Wiley	

#### Hampshire v Derbyshire

SOUTHAMPTON (Derbyshire won toss) Derbyshire (4pts) beat Hampshire by two wickets

DERBYSHIRE	DERBYSHIRE
K J Barrett b and b Corcoran	8
S J Ball b and b Stephenson	101
D M Jones not out	1
C J Adams c and b Stephenson	1
R J Cresswell b and b Stephenson	1
P J Derris c and b Udal	48
W M Keenan c and b Udal	14
Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 3, nb 2)	15
Total (7 wickets, 40 overs)	228
S J Ball, A J Hume and R J Dain did not bat	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-40, 3-45, 4-140, 5-201, 6-224, 7-228	
BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-27-2, Threlford 2-0-18-0, Corcoran 8-0-41-1, Udal 8-0-56-2, Jones 6-0-34-0, Whitehead 4-0-31-0	
Umpires: J H Hampshire and K E Palmer	

#### Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire

TRENT BRIDGE (Northamptonshire won toss) Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by five wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
P R Pollard c and b Anderson	2
R J Robinson not out	1
G F Archer b Taylor	12
P J Kershaw c and b Anderson	2
C J Daines c and b Anderson	2
C M Topley c and b Anderson	2
P P Evans c and b Anderson	2
W M Moon not out	12
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 10)	22
Total (6 wickets, 38.1 overs)	222
G W White, R D Jones, M J Threlford and C J Daines did not bat	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-105, 3-104, 4-218, 5-225	
BOWLING: Dain 8-0-34-0, Jones 8-0-34-2, White 7-0-28-2, Derris 4-0-36-0, Jones 7-0-47-1, White 6-0-34-0	
Umpires: B J Meyer and G Sharp	

#### Leicestershire v Kent

LEICESTERSHIRE (Leicestershire won toss) Kent (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE	LEICESTERSHIRE
P V Simmons b and b Cowdrey	139
V J Wells b Fleming	84
R J Wood b and b Cowdrey	25
J J Wilkes not out	20
D J Madley c and b Fleming	20
P A Hirst not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 11, w 2, nb 2)	20
Total (4 wickets, 40 overs)	311
A Haddad, C J Pearson, C C Bony, A R H Pearson and D J Minto did not bat	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-228, 2-259, 3-269, 4-307	
BOWLING: Thompson 4-0-23-0, Eastham 7-0-57-0, Headley 6-0-51-0, Hooper 4-0-29-0, Fleming 7-0-58-2, McGee 6-0-35-0, Cowdrey 6-0-41-1	

### KENT

T R Ward c Parsons b Mills 43 || M V Fleming c Mills b Mills | 146 |
C J Hooper b Mills	17
G R Cowdrey c and b Simmons	17
M A Eastham c Madley b Perry	56
M J Long b Perry	3
M J Walker not out	18
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 10)	4
Total (6 wickets, 38.2 overs)	314
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-368, 3-398, 4-400, 5-518, 6-509	
BOWLING: Parsons 8-0-46-1, Mills 6-0-47-2, Simmons 7-0-50-1, Wells 5-0-50-0, Perry 6-0-57-0, Ward 4-0-41-2, Madley 1-0-13-0	
Umpires: H D Bad and J H Hems	

### Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss) Middlesex (4pts) beat Glamorgan by eight wickets

MIDDLESEX	MIDDLESEX
S P James c Gillingham b Fraser	3
M Morris c Brown b Carr	55
P A Maynard c Carr b Rashid	44
A Dade c Popley b Weekes	23
D Austin b Weekes	1
R B Ock not out	45
S D Thomas not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 2)	6
Total (6 wickets, 40 overs)	281
Y C Pearson, S L Watson and S R Barrow did not bat	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-248, 3-337, 4-338, 5-160, 6-174	
BOWLING: Fraser 6-0-28-0, Fraser 8-1-38-1, Popley 6-0-28-0, Watson 4-0-25-0, Carr 7-0-34-1, Weekes 6-0-37-2	
Umpires: R A White and P Wiley	

### Nottinghamshire v Northamptonshire

TRENT BRIDGE (Northamptonshire won toss) Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by five wickets

P Manner c Carr b Rashid . . . . .	34
C Poley c Poley b Weekes . . . . .	3
Dale c Poley b Weekes . . . . .	23
P Burcher c Weekes b Rashid . . . . .	3
B Croft not out . . . . .	65
Thames run out . . . . .	1
Extras (b 4, w 3) . . . . .	7
Total (6 wickets, 40 overs) . . . . .	221
P Manton, S L Wallen and S R Barneck not bat . . . . .	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-65, 3-137, 4-139, 5-160, 6-174	
BOWLING: Fay 6-0-28-0, Fraser 8-1-38-0, Hewitt 7-0-57-3, Hemm 4-0-25-0, Carr 7-0-1	
1 Wickets 8-0-37-2	
<b>NIDDERSEX</b>	
1 Wickets not out . . . . .	119
4 Rampulach run out . . . . .	5
W Getting run out . . . . .	90











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Damian Whitworth finds England's former polo player may have the answer to a cricketing question

# 'Galloping' major bowls over cricket



Fergusson teaches Whitworth the finer points of batting at his school in Dummer, Hampshire

A moment of over-enthusiastic flailing of my bowling arm and I unleashed a ball that nearly broke the wrist of the father of the girl who was (until very recently) married to the Duke of York. Major Ronald Fergusson let out a yelp, those famous eyebrows shot skywards like a pair of hairy balls and an appearance in the gossip columns flashed before me.

But the "galloping" major, as the tabloids dubbed him, is made of sturdy stuff. The former England polo player is now, at 64, quietly building a new life in cricket since being released from his duties as the Prince of Wales's polo manager. And tucked away in the depths of the Hampshire countryside, he may just be finding an answer to the questions being asked of our national game.

As everybody in the sport agrees something must be done urgently to encourage more youngsters to take up bat and ball, Fergusson has turned the cowshed on his farm in the drowsy village of Dummer into a cricket school. Where once 150 cows used to winter, men, women and children now thunder down eight lanes of nets and thrash boisterously about an indoor arena in hectic six-a-side contests. The competition for the nets during the pre-season was fierce but the real success story is the six-a-side.

There are three adult leagues, one sponsored by a brewery, boasting more than 50 teams. However, the real boost is the way that six-a-side engenders an enthusiasm among children.

These are furious contests played padded up with a hard ball on the carpeted floor. Masses of runs are racked up as the ball ricochets off the walls, sending fielders scurrying after it. Some of the very young players seem to find fielding close to the bat in an arena intimidating,

but the older ones love it. One must just guard against over-excited players injuring their coaches.

Relieved that I had avoided seriously maiming mine I retired to the nets for some tuition. Fergusson is a gruff but benign dictator who is in the nets with his bowling machine most mornings and a stalwart of the village side. "I'll stop playing when I'm no longer top of the averages," he says. He reels off the statistics from the first year of his venture as only an obsessive can. "More than 900 net hours, 430 matches, 12 thousand overs, 90,000 balls." After an hour of sensible

advice my bowling technique was considerably less dangerous.

While Hampshire coaches come to work with the kids, this set-up is independent of the county. With less and less cricket being played in schools such private enterprises must be a real hope for the future.

Geoffrey Boycott is impressed by news of a centre geared purely to cricket, a luxury that few cricket clubs, sharing facilities in multi-purpose sports halls can enjoy. "That's exactly what we've got in Yorkshire," says Boycott. "Eight lanes and you can bring the nets back for six-a-side, which is great for youngsters. I always believe you should get them all involved equally, playing as part of a team and not worry too much about technique. Indoor cricket is crucial because of our winter and because while John Major says children should play more sport in schools it seems to be all talk at the moment."

Fergusson decided to build his school when he realised that the local colts had nowhere to practise the basics of the game during the winter. With the first year under his belt he has the same dreams as all those who nurture young talent — to produce a superstar one day. "Obviously with the state that English cricket is in, if you could



Whitworth faces Fergusson in the specially converted cowshed

get a boy to play for Hampshire Under-16s and then end up playing for Hampshire it would be simply wonderful. If he then went on to play international cricket it would be sensational."

Relaxing over a pint in the bar, the major begins to wax lyrical. He is talking about his school as it relates to his life, but could just as easily be referring to its small but not insignificant place in English cricket. "It's nice for something to be going right for a change."

## WHERE TO GO

- The Dummer Cricket School can be reached at Dummer Down Farm, Dummer, Basingstoke, Hampshire 01256-397814.
- The National Cricket Association runs a national six-a-side tournament with the final held at Lord's 0171-299 6098.
- For details of programmes run by the counties contact individual county headquarters.

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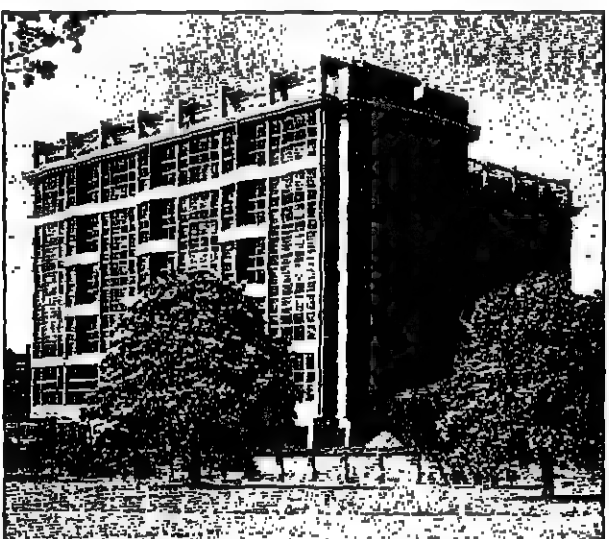
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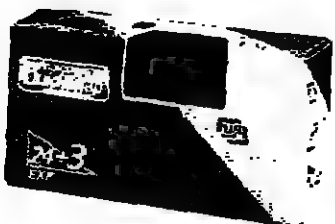
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Johnson, of Workington, is brought down by Clarke and Golden, during their Super League match yesterday which Leeds won, scoring eight tries. 49-18. Report: page 35. Photograph: Graham Whitby

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**THE TIMES**

**RESULTS AND STATISTICS**

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## RESULTS AND STATISTICS

## TODAY

Interims: Barisford, Cars UK, Electronic Data Processing, Treat, Widney. Finals: Acal, Camellia, Cropper (James), Dee Valley, Electro-components, Envor Holdings, Eurodollar (Holdings), Field Group, Renold, Christian Salvessen, 800 Group, Unigate, Wynnstey Properties. Economic statistics: UK May producer prices, UK April cyclical indicators, German May unemployment, G10 central bank governors committee meeting.

## TOMORROW

Interims: Bradstock Group, Drummond Group, NFC, Thom EMI, Toy Options. Finals: Amberley Group, Amersham International, Ann Street Brewery, Babcock International, BSS Group, GML Microsystems, East Midlands Electricity, Great Portland Estates, Henderson Administration Group, Marshalls, Northern Foods, Severn Trent, Volex. Economic statistics: UK April new construction orders, UK April industrial production, US May producer prices, French May consumer sentiment.

## WEDNESDAY

Interims: Bick, Chemring Group, Goldborough Healthcare, Granada Group. Finals: BAA, Bradford Property Trust, Bristol Water Holdings, London Insurance Market, Mansfield Brewery, May International, Seaford, Sirling Group, WT Foods. Economic statistics: UK May jobs, UK April average earnings, unit wage costs, US May consumer prices and real earnings.

## THURSDAY

Interims: Daily Mail & General Trust, Dewhurst, GWR Group, Neotronics Technology. Finals: Brookhampton Holdings, Edinburgh Income Trust, FKI, Johnson Matthey, Leigh Interests, London Electricity, London Merchant Securities, Martin Currie European Investment, Regellan Properties, Scope Group, Saxon (Martin) Group. Economic statistics: UK May retail prices, US weekly jobless claims, US May retail sales.

## FRIDAY

Interims: Burndens Investments, Danmora Electricity. Finals: Capital Gearing Trust, Osborne & Little, Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, Yorkshire Electricity. Economic statistics: US May industrial production, US May capacity utilisation, US April business inventories.

## COMPANIES

## Unigate to deliver double cream

UNIGATE: Beef must have dominated talk at board meetings over the past few months. But the food group escaped mostly unharmed from the speculation over a human link with BSE.

Final pre-tax profits, due today, are expected to be £121 million, up from £88 million, and earnings per share are thought to have risen from 20.1p to 37.7p. The net dividend is likely to rise 1p to 19.5p.

The group's involvement in demerger activities is deemed successful. A week ago it sold half of its American restaurant business, DenAmerica bought the 100 Black-eyed Pea restaurants for £42 million. They made an operating profit of £5 million in the year to March 31 and had a net asset value of around £60 million. Unigate had been struggling to find a buyer.

The group is still trying to dispose of its other American restaurants, 110 Taco Bueno fast food outlets and five Casa Bonita/Crystal restaurants. Selling Taco Bueno would end a string of disposals by Ross Buckland, Unigate's chief executive. He has focused the group mainly on chilled dairy foods.

NORTHERN FOODS: Prospects of a cattle cull sufficient to affect the UK milk supply have receded so analysts have cast aside their worries and are predicting normalised pre-tax profits of £125 million, up from £28 million, to be announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 2.8p to 15.7p and the net dividend will climb slightly from 8.8p to 9p. The liquid milk business continues to struggle with lower overall volumes, an adverse shift in the mix away from the doorstep and higher input costs. But the butter operations benefited from a sharp increase in selling prices.

The base business will be sharply down in profit terms while the radical surgery that Northern performed on its fixed cost base bodes well for continued improvement.

BAA: Defeat at the hands of Swissair in the bid to buy the Alders International duty-free shops business marred a good



Sir John Egan, chairman, saw BAA sent packing by Swissair in the battle for Alders' chain of duty-free shops. Defeat marred an otherwise good year for the airport operator

performance by the airport operator, whose chairman is Sir John Egan.

Last year's pre-tax profits of £360 million are expected to increase to £410 million when its final results are announced on Wednesday. A 6 per cent increase in passenger numbers was the main reason for the increase.

But shareholders will no doubt ask directors how they could have let Alders slip away. A sale was agreed and as good as sealed. Then Swissair started bidding aggressively. BAA dithered for a while but seemed able to hold on to the deal, only to be forced

eventually to follow Swissair and raise the offer.

Hours later, the Swiss hit back and matched BAA's £15 million increase, and their robust attitude clinched the deal.

EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY: Pre-tax profits are expected to dip from £214 million to £202 million when the regional electricity company (Rec) reports its final results tomorrow, but in spite of that the company is believed to be lifting the net dividend 8 per cent from 29p to 31.5p. While this should please shareholders, they should also

consider the long-term public perception of the company's performance. East Midlands was singled out as the worst-performing regional electricity company last year by Offer, the industry regulator.

The number of complaints rose by 8 per cent in 1995, while they fell for most other Recs.

Pre-tax profits are likely to be

£25 million, up from £424 million, when final results are announced tomorrow.

Earnings per share should rise from 36.5p to 39.8p and the dividend looks set to rise from 62.5p to 74.8p.

The demerger plans have sparked bid speculation for EMI Music, which boasts George Michael, the Beatles, Radiohead and the Smashing Pumpkins on its roster.

The Thorn board intends to issue formal demerger proposals to shareholders next month and hopes to conclude the process in the following month. Once the demerger has been completed Thorn and EMI Music will be quoted separately.

LONDON ELECTRICITY: Growing balance sheet strength is expected from the privatised utility when it reveals its final results on Thursday. Analysts predict a pre-tax profits decline of 10 per cent, down to £194 million from £215 million last year.

Earnings per share should rise from 78.8p to 88p, an increase of 12 per cent, while the net dividend is expected to rise 42 per cent to 41.1p.

In spite of the dividend rise, the company may not be as willing as others to pass value back to shareholders because it is still committed to expanding its core business. But all that could change if London Electricity became the target of a takeover bid.

Electricity watchers in the City do not believe that there is an imminent threat of that, but the Rec is featured on their list of possibilities.

Earlier this year, London shares had been propelled upwards by bid speculation. Houston Industries was believed to be a potential predator. Shares moved up 28p to 813p as speculation grew in April.

Potential bidders are thought to be hurrying to seal deals ahead of a possible Labour Government, which would be expected to be tougher on utility takeovers and is committed to imposing windfall taxes.

OLIVER AUGUST

## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

## Focus on key prices figures

A heavy programme of economic statistics kicks off today with May producer prices figures, key to any analysis of the economy because the Chancellor last week justified his quarter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent partly on predictions that producer price inflation will fall further.

According to the consensus forecast compiled by MMS International, producer input prices are expected to have risen by 0.3 per cent in the month, allowing the annual rate to fall to 2.8 per cent (3 per cent). Output prices are forecast to have risen by 0.1 per cent, taking the year-on-year rate down to 3.1 per cent (3.2 per cent).

Tomorrow we get a snapshot of industrial activity in April. The markets are expecting industrial production to show only marginal growth of 0.1 per cent and zero growth in manufacturing. These figures are followed on Wednesday by May unemployment figures and April figures for average earnings. The latter are also particularly market-sensitive because average earnings growth lifted up surprisingly to 3.75 per cent in March. The markets are expecting unemployment to have fallen by around 8,000 and average earnings growth to stay at 3.75 per cent.

On Thursday, retail prices figures for May are published. The headline rate of inflation is expected to be unchanged at 2.4 per cent while the underlying rate, targeted by the Government, is predicted to fall slightly to 2.8 per cent (2.9 per cent). RPI-X, which excludes indirect taxes as well as mortgage interest payments, is forecast to fall to 2.5 per cent (2.6 per cent).

Inflation is set to be a major focus internationally, too, with figures coming from the US, Japan and various European countries. The US producer prices data tomorrow and consumer prices on Wednesday will attract huge market interest because of fears of higher inflation after last Friday's jump in US employment.

JANET BUSH

## SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Unigate, Tottenham Hotspur, Amersham, Umeo; Sell House of Fraser. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Thorn EMI, Chemring, Limit, Wickes; Sell Arney, Independent on Sunday; Buy Recognition Systems, Vosper Thornycroft, Vardon; Sell Inspect. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Symonds, Videologic, Crown Products; Sell Freepages.

## AN EXCLUSIVE TIMES READER OFFER

## Take a friend to an open air event for 30p

Today *The Times* offers you the chance to take a friend to a series of theatre performances and concerts in the open air — for only 30p. There are more than 70 events at 33 venues across the UK to choose.

Magnificent settings include Euston Park at Thetford, Norfolk; Weston Park, Shropshire and Perworth Park, Sussex. You can enjoy performances in historic castles at Arundel and Warwick, in the splendid surroundings of Peterborough Cathedral or the intimate setting of Thaxted Church, Essex.

Whichever venue you choose — and many have as their finale a spectacular fireworks display — when you buy one ticket at the full price, you can buy another for 30p.

Special events in our offer include the Ascot Jazz Festival taking place on the famous racecourse when, on successive nights, you can enjoy Alan Price and Courtney Pine. Open air theatre events include the Theatre Buro Podrozy in Paternoster Square, part of the City of London Festival, and the innovative theatre company Oddsocks performing *Richard III* around the country. Take a picnic, dress up and have a good time.

To take advantage of our exclusive offer, collect four of the six tokens appearing in *The Times*, and attach them to the application form which will be published on Wednesday. This is the second half of our list of participating venues, the first appeared on Saturday.

## HOW TO BOOK

Choose an event from the listing and telephone the venue to reserve your tickets quoting *The Times* offer. When you buy one ticket at the full price you will receive a second for just 30p. Your tickets cannot be issued until tickets have been received. The offer is limited to one 30p performance per household. The tokens are valid only for the performances stated in the offer and cannot be exchanged for cash or used in conjunction with any other offer. All tickets are subject to availability.

## YOUR CHOICE OF VENUE



Alan Price appears at the Fishguard Music Festival on July 25

CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
Peterborough Cathedral  
01733 317336, Cathedral  
Choirs of Norwich.  
Peterborough and Ely: music  
by Walton, Byrd, Naylor,  
Stanford and Bruckner's  
Graduals, June 28, 7.30pm; £9.  
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Grieg, Albeniz, Debussy July 1,  
7.30pm; £9. City of London  
Sinfonia, Conductor Richard  
Hickox: John Woolcott, De  
Fallia, Canteloube, July 2,  
7.30pm; £10.

CHESHIRE  
Chester, Grosvenor Park  
01244 320700, Manchester  
Camara, Conductor Mark  
Forkgen, Music from classic  
movies including *Gone With  
The Wind*, *Charlots of Fire* and  
*The Dambusters* with fireworks  
finale, July 13, 8pm; £12.

NORFOLK  
Thetford, Euston Park 01603  
784764 Sinfonia '96 — Pomp  
and Circumstance with a bang.  
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The Pembroke Players perform *Richard III*

ductor John Wallace. Popular  
classics with grand fireworks  
finale in Capability Brown  
designed parkland, June 28,  
7.45pm; £14.  
Roughton, Norwich,  
Felbrigg Hall 01263 838297,  
The Lee Vasey Band. An  
evening of rhythm and blues,  
July 5, 7.30pm; £7.50. The  
Fever. An evening of country  
music with special guest  
Amanda Norman Selk's tribute  
to Patsy Cline, July 6, 7.30pm;  
£7.50. The Classic Buskers:  
classical music without the boring  
bits, July 7, 7.30pm; £7.50.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
Kettering, Boughton House  
01604 24811, Central Festival  
Opera, *The Beggar's Opera* by  
John Gay with additional words  
and music by Carl Davies,  
August 2, 8pm; £14.50.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE  
Linby, Newstead Abbey 0115  
948 2626, Opera Box presents  
*Die Fledermaus*, August 10,  
7.30pm; £14.  
Southwell, Norwood Park  
Pasadena Roof Orchestra,  
June 22, 8pm; £13. Ticket  
applications by post only to:  
James Turner & Co, 18 West  
Street, Retford, Notts, DN22  
6ES, enclosing a stamped  
addressed envelope.

SHROPSHIRE  
Weston under Lizard, Nr  
Shifnal  
Weston Park 01952 850207  
Last Night of the Proms with  
the Midland Symphony  
Orchestra, conductor John  
Moore, August 17, 7.30pm;  
£14. The Counterpoint Concert  
with The Bootleg Beatles, The

Counterfeit Stones and the  
Bootleg Beachboys, August  
18, 7pm; £13.

SUFFOLK  
Ickworth House, Bury St  
Edmunds Performing Arts  
Symphony Orchestra,  
Conductor Nicholas Smith:  
Weber, Kodaly, Vaughan  
Williams, Talle Fantasia,  
Sibelius Symphony No 2, July  
11, 8pm; £15. 01625 573477.  
Spitalfields Market Opera pre-  
sents *The Secret Marriage* by  
Cimarosa, July 27, 7pm; £13.  
01294 735270.  
Wichham Market,  
Framlingham Castle 01728  
724189, Oddsocks presents  
The Pembroke Players perform-  
ing *Richard III*, June 21,  
7.30pm; £6.

WARWICKSHIRE  
Warwick Castle 01926  
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Oddsocks Productions pre-  
sents *Richard III*, July 4, 5, 6,  
7.30pm; £8.  
MDCO presents Henry V, July  
11, 12 and 13, 7.30pm; £8.  
Warwick College Gardens  
01926 486277, Oddsocks  
Productions presents *Bards  
Best Bits of Romeo and Juliet*,  
July 7, 4pm; £5.

YORKSHIRE  
Harrogate Festival 01423  
365757  
Christ Church on the Stray,  
Slava Grigoryan (guitar), July  
27, 11am; £5. Jeffrey Lloyd  
Roberts (tenor), Iain Burnside  
(piano): recital of English songs  
featuring Finzi and Farrar,  
August 3, 11am; £5.  
Ripon Cathedral  
Northern Junior Philharmonic  
Orchestra, Conductor Jack  
Kasprzyk: Elgar in The South,  
Lutoslawski Symphony No 4,  
Strauss An Alpine Symphony.



Slava Grigoryan plays at  
The Harrogate Festival



Musical harmony for 30p: the Pasadena Roof Orchestra appears at Norwood Park, Nottinghamshire on June 22

July 31, 8pm; £10, £8.  
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sented by Standard Fireworks,  
August 24, 8pm; £15.

SCOTLAND  
Berwickshire  
Ayrton Castle 0141 338 2708,  
Susanne Stanzel and Gustav  
Ferryo. Violin and piano works  
by Schubert, Brahms and  
Mozart, July 19, 8pm; £5.  
Susanne Stanzel, Timothy  
Gill, Gustav Ferryo: trios for vi-  
olin, cello and piano by  
Schubert, Brahms and Mozart,

July 20, 8pm; £5. Claire Haslin  
and Gustav Ferryo, four-hand  
piano music: Brahms  
*Hungarian Dances*, Revel  
*Mother Goose Suite*, Schubert,  
July 21, 3pm; £5. Geraldine  
McGreavy and Gustav Ferryo.  
1996 Kathleen Ferrier Award  
Soprano sings songs by  
Schubert, Brahms, Wolf, Fauré,  
Chausson and Ravel, July 21,  
8pm; £8.

WALES  
Fleaguard Music Festival  
01348 813612  
BISC National Orchestra of  
Wales, conductor Mark  
Wigglesworth, soloist Stephen  
Hought: Wagner Suite  
Mastersingers, Mozart  
Symphony No 39, Brahms  
Piano Concerto No 2, July 21,  
7pm; £10 and £8. Hafner Wind  
Ensemble, director Nicholas

Daniel: Beethoven and Mozart,  
July 22, 8pm; £8. Gustor  
Parisi String Quartet with  
Michael Collins: Haydn String  
Quartet Op54, Mozart Clarinet  
Quintet, Brahms Clarinet  
Quintet, July 24, 8pm; £8. Alan  
Price and the Electric Blues  
Company July 25, 8pm; £8 and  
£6. London Mozart Players,  
conductor Jonathan Butcher,  
soloist Julian Lloyd Webber:  
Haydn Cello Concerto, Mozart  
Symphony No 33, Schubert  
Symphony No 5, July 26, 8pm;  
£10 and £6.

Llangollen  
Llangollen International  
Eisteddfod 01978 561501,  
Tasmin Little (violin) plus inter-  
national choirs and folk dancers,  
July 11, 7.30pm; £12, £9. Anna  
Evans (soprano) plus interna-  
tional choirs and folk dancers,  
July 12, 7.30pm; £12, £9.

NORTHERN IRELAND  
Castle Ward, Stranorlar  
01238 510721, Ulster  
Orchestra: music and fireworks,  
August 3, 7.30pm; £15,  
children £7.50.



30p CONCERT  
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# Job fears will bring workers back to unions, says GMB

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

JOB insecurity and economic failure in Britain will encourage employees to join trade unions, one of the UK's principal unions claimed yesterday.

Although union membership is continuing to fall in Britain, especially in the private sector, the GMB union said workers are increasingly turning to unions for support as job insecurity grows.

At the start of the GMB's annual conference in Blackpool, John Edmonds, its general secretary, said: "Unions will start to see their membership increase in this economic climate." Unions, he said, were increasingly seen as the "only check against unscrupulous employers".

Survey evidence published by the union yesterday shows low levels of job security among union members and a strong desire for greater protection against unfair dismissal. The survey, carried out for the GMB by Warwick University, showed that only 6.2 per cent of the union's members regard their job as secure.

Four-fifths of new members joining the union cite support if they have a problem at work as the principal reason for doing so, and such support is seen by almost three-quarters of members as the main reason for retaining membership.

Greater protection against unfair dismissal is listed by new members and the union's full-time officers as the main collective bargaining priority for the union, though more members still rank improvements in pay rather than job security as their chief priority.

In a keynote speech to the conference today, which will also be addressed by John Prescott, Labour deputy leader, Mr Edmonds will emphasise the extent to which social partnership, including focusing on job security, is being practised by the GMB in agreements with employers.



Stuart Hornery, left, and Peter Walickowski, of Lend Lease

## Banks and Pru buy shops park

By Martin Barrow

THE Bluewater shopping centre development near Dartford, Kent, has been bought by a consortium of banks and the Prudential Corporation.

Lend Lease, the Australian property and financial services group, has sold an 85 per cent interest to the consortium, that includes Lloyds, Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays, for £375 million.

The remaining 15 per cent will be held by Prudential, which is expected to pay more than £100 million when the project is completed in 1999. The project is then expected to be valued at £700 million.

Bluewater will be the largest retail centre in Europe, occupying a 240-acre site. It will have a gross leasable area of 151,000 square metres. More than 50 per cent of the retail space has now been let. Agreements have been signed with John Lewis Partnership, Marks & Spencer and House of Fraser.

Stuart Hornery, chairman of Lend Lease, said the project would inject about £200 million of economic benefit into the regional economy during the construction period.

## British casinos seeking stake in South Africa

By Alasdair Murray

BRITISH casino operators are hoping to strike it rich in a South African casino gold rush. Major groups, including Ladbroke, London Clubs International and Aspinalls, are all bidding to win a slice of the country's £25 million casino market.

Up to 40 licences will be available across the country when draft gaming legislation passes through the South African Parliament in the next few months. Ladbroke has established a two-man office in South Africa to help to prepare its case to operate the new casinos. The company is particularly keen to combine casinos with its two new Hilton hotels in Johannesburg and Durban.

London Clubs is concentrating on Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. The company already runs operations in Egypt and is shortly to open the first casino in Beirut.

Aspinalls, owned by John Aspinall, is also looking at opportunities in Durban, in KwaZulu-Natal province, and

is believed to be putting together a bid with Kerry Packard, the Australian media tycoon. Mr Aspinall has close links with Mangosuthu Buthezi, Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party leader and Minister for Home Affairs.

Rank Organisation, the leisure group, has decided not to join the competition after preparing a feasibility study earlier this year. Mike Allison, chief executive of Grosvenor Casinos, said: "We still feel that the regime is too precarious and there is only a low level of foreign investment in the country. There are other more stable markets closer to home that interest us more."

The South African Government wants to place gaming on a legal footing to encourage tourism and close the country's estimated 1,200 illegal casinos. The proposed plans, which will limit companies to a maximum of 16 licences with no more than two in any one province, will also break the monopoly held by Sun International, based in Sun City.

## Two BCCI men cleared

AN appeals court in the United Arab Emirates yesterday cleared Fakhre Hussain and Naseem Sheikh, both Pakistanis with British citizenship, of fraud charges arising from the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) collapse in

1991, amid allegations of fraud and embezzlement said to total \$10 billion.

But the three-judge panel rejected an appeal by Mohammed Naqvi, chief executive against his 14-year jail term imposed in 1995 for his role in the closure.

## Market defies summer slowdown

THE traditional summer lull in the stock market seems unlikely to halt activity on the Alternative Investment Market. Companies trading on AIM raised £62.8 million of new capital in May alone.

David Abrahams, a trader with Winterflood Securities, said: "Usually, the summer

distractions make trading a bit quieter. But we have seen no sign of a let-up at all. If anything, this week's trading has been busier than usual."

Hydro-Dynamics, the chemical and imaging systems supplier that floated at 100p earlier in the week,

closed on Friday at 116p. SEA Multimedia, the Israeli CD-ROM company with rights to the Atlanta Olympics, closed its first week at 75p, up 5p.

This week, Pacific Media will test the theory that adding the word Internet to a business's activities is an automatic trigger to send its shares soaring. It is to form a joint venture with Bertels-

mann, the German media giant, to develop Asia's online potential, and analysts expect the shares to respond sharply. Dmatak, the Israeli computer software company,

is still trying to get back above its launch price of 75p. It is raising institutional investors this week with an order book worth £2.6 million, six times higher than

last year's. Its shares closed at 63p, up 2p.

Much interest has been shown in Sinclair Montrose Healthcare, the hospital staff administration company. It is now expected to be capitalised at £17 million, £5 million above initial estimates. Its shares should

begin trading in two weeks. AIM broke trading records in May, as equity turnover reached a new high of £177 million, up 20 per cent from the previous month. It closed the week with a market capitalisation of £3.45 billion.

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1996	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wtdy +/-	Yld %	P/E	1996	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wtdy +/-	Yld %	P/E	1996	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wtdy +/-	Yld %	P/E	1996	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wtdy +/-	Yld %	P/E
134	109	17.00	AMCO Corp	119	-	5.3	16.7	83	70	2.60	Envy Gals Pl	71	-	9.4	...	2750	2550	53.70	Lawrie Group	2750	+55.4	3.2	...	118	118	11.80	Riceman Insee	118	+1	...	...
56	11	2.46	Abacus Recruit	45	+2	...	...	109	87	31.30	Cross Intl	87	-	...	...	285	255	46.80	Le Riches Strs	282	+2	6.8	27.6	98	63	4.70	Romtec	91	-5	...	...
138	110	24.70	Active Imaging	135	+17	...	...	63	53	25.00	Green Products	58	-2	...	...	95	85	58.20	London Asia Pk	85	-	...	...	4	3	3.60	Reshema Wynne	4	-	...	...
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204	71	16.70	African Gold	115	-	...	...	75	63	3.60	David Glass	68	-7	5.5	...	380	200	20.50	Lorien Corp	380	-10	1.3	26.7	12	3	16.90	SEA Multimedia	75	-	...	...
15	13	8.39	Alpha Omission	16	+1	...	...	1700	880	74.30	Dawson Hops	1625	-	2.5	14.2	25	15	9.42	Mar & O'sas	16	-1	2.5	21.7	31	20	2.16	Scotwood Inds	81	-	4.0	29.3
420	380	40.20	Ann St Brewery	420	+15	5.2	12.6	17	11	4.09	Duan Corp	14	-1	1.8	...	135	113	14.10	Marine & Merc S	117	-5	...	...	68	28	3.01	Scott Pride	50	+2	...	...
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121	80	56.90	Autotest	80	-	...	...	78	80	11.80	Ometek	63	+2	...	...	99	79	14.40	Moscarda	89	-	...	...	60	30	2.22	Self Sealing	38	+3	...	...
9	8	1.89	Anon Props	8	-	...	...	137	87	12.40	Gaymel	87	-10	...	...	112	88	8.90	Khalil	110	-3	2.8	...	3	2	8.80	Sire Blue Serv	4	-	...	...
133	68	21.10	Ask Central	131	-	...	...	200	100	77.80	Electrophonics	120	-17	...	...	475	110	69.90	Memory Corp	118	-17	...	...	4	3	8.80	Sire Bus Serv	2	-	...	...
61	55	0.99	Albany Trust	55	-5	...	...	81	51	2.50	Fin Publs	22	-	...	...	22	18	5.40	Metodone Films	18	-	...	...	1	1	0.20	Sire Bus Serv	2	-	...	...
6	5	8.05	Ballymore	5	-	...	...	116	86	22.10	Epic Multimedia	95	-6	...	...	225	156	14.40	Mooscap	190	-10	2.9	19.6	50	524	134.20	Southern News	569	-11	3.5	15.0
21	17	5.39	Berks Hops	21	+3	...	...	125	120	5.40	Euro Sales Pl	120	-	...	...	200	67	9.08	Mountcabel	120	-	...	...	68	50	79.90	Stanford Ranch	48	-43	...	...
46	43	3.05	Belcaro	43	-	...	...	435	325	6.13	Fin Publs	425	+70	...	...	203	160	34.90	Mulberry Group	178	-11	...	...	615	255	79.90	Stanford Ranch	48	-43	...	...
160	140	0.99	Bonness Ltd	145	-	3.9	...	250	75	8.10	Fin Publs	250	-	...	...	210	175	20.80	Multimedia	172	-11	...	...	130	75	6.46	Slinto	120	-8	...	...
70	70	11.40	Bonness Ltd	70	-	...	...	188	53	10.00	Fin Publs	60	+2	...	...	540	285	21.60	WFC Corp	288	-2	2.8	13.9	170	122	27.00	Surrey Fr Inns	288	+21	0.9	31.5
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429	240	49.90	Brendan's	423	-	2.2	...	240	180	6.15	Fin Publs	240	+20	1.4	...	385	335	13.70	Nash (Wm)	350	-	2.1	17.0	915	585	36.30	TRACKER Netw	685	-20	...	...
124	118	12.50	CA Coutts Hops	118	-	...	...	193	136	7.20	Fin Publs	163	-	1.5	21.2	73	65	10.60	Neilson Cabbold	385	-65	1.8	19.2	185	180	39.80	Trackpoint Pl	185	-	...	...
122	118	0.84	CD Hops	118	-	...	...	193	136	7.20	Fin Publs	163	-	1.5	21.2	73	65	10.60	Neilson Cabbold	385	-65	1.8	19.2	185	180	39.80	Trackpoint Pl	185	-	...	...
110	110	0.13	CD Foundry Shs	110	-	...	...	193	136	7.20	Fin Publs	163	-	1.5	21.2	73	65	10.60	Neilson Cabbold	385	-65	1.8	19.2	185	180	39.80	Trackpoint Pl	185	-	...	...
185	95	4.80	Calle Wines	109	-7	1.5	13.8	143	93	8.28	Fin Publs	138	-	2.3	...	73	63	7.22	Nitin Padm	63	-	...	...	116	101	17.00	Todd	101	-2	...	...
75	55	7.39	Calendrier Ltd	65	-	7.9	...	94	84	27.50	Gander Hops	8	-	...	...	8	8	0.13	Nitin Padm Wts	8	-	...	...	98	43	2.99	Tom Hoskins	53	-	...	...
9	8	13.00	Cardinal & Wain	8	+2	0.8	17.4	150	145	32.10	Gullon	148	-	3.4	...	116	111	17.90	Nursing Home	116	-	1.3	33.4	180	165	5.03	Trinity Care Pl	170	-	...	...
96	68	16.00	Card Clear	71	-4	...	...	41	21	2.05	Hannam	26	-	...	...	138	90	16.80	Old English Pub	138	+16	0.9	...	74	46	332.90	Treacorder	42	-	...	...
108	98	10.50	Cardstock	108	-	...	...	35	30	1.38	Harcourt Prop	35	+5	2.4	...	136	84	10.00	Omnimedia	135	-	0.5	...	42	40	3.83	Universal	42	-	...	...
72	80	3.50	Cassidy Bros	64	-	5.9	8.1	138	120	58.00	Fin Publs	138	-	...	...	109	88	23.90	Optical Corp	65	+2	...	...	458	393	7.09	URS Auctions	393	+5	1.3	12.7
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16	16	4.99	Celebrated Group	17	-	...	...	124	105	11.90	Indpt Radio	119	-3	...	...	2	1	21.30	Pacific Media	2	-	...	...	16	13	43.00	Verillies Grp	16	-	...	...
225	8500	58.50	Celtic	225	+2000	...	...	88	85	14.40	Inner Workings	86	-	1.2	...	173	43	35.00	Pan Andrus Res	163	+3	...	...	583	130	16.60	Visionair	555	+130	...	26.5
1715	6450	16.30	Cl Cornet (TV)	1715	+2000	...	...	228	505	22.00	Soundings	520	+3	...	...	109	174	4.78	Park City (Lb)	200	-	...	...	428	232	13	7	...	...	...	...
124	109	6.72	Charmwell Intl	121	-1	2.7	...	103	83	3.99	Jermine	88	-	13.2	...	445	365	101.90	Pal City	420	+5	...	...	13	3	5.25	Western Select	15	-	...	...
86	82	69.40	Chesley Village	63	-2	...	...	320	280	23.60	Jermine Bros	320	+2	2.5	23.0	184	125	32.80	Polymac Pharms	164	-	...	...	19	13	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	6	-	...	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	-	...	...	3	3	6.50	Just Group	5	+4	...	...	555	400	7.00	Precision Wrt E	555	-	...	...	6	5	2.74	Westmount Engr	5	-	...	47.0
31	28	12.70	ClubParsons	30	-	...	...	125	103	43.10	KS Biomedix	114	-	...	...	205	180	28.00	Prim Rm	205	-	...	...	35	28	3.84	Wellness	33	-	...	...
510	510	12.20	Com de Pl Fin	510	-	...	...	190	137	52.30	Li Senza	156	+3	...	...	97	32	5.38	Raphael 2m	60	-	2.6	37.6	75	46	7.31	Westerly M Mid	66	+6	...	...
44	37	8.76	Conister Tel	40	-	5.0	10.0	180	137	25.20	Lancashire En	145	-	3.4	11.7	98	43	5.88	Raphael	60	-	...	...	145	125	125	...	...	...	...	
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## Talks aim to prevent post strike

Crucial talks aimed at averting a national postal strike begin in London today, with the Royal Mail expected to table a new pay offer. Members of the Communication Workers Union have voted strongly for industrial action in protest at a new pay and conditions package that includes the introduction of team working.

Under the Employee Agenda, some workers would receive a pay cut because of the scrapping of shift and other allowances. The Royal Mail will try to ensure that most, if not all, its 140,000 delivery and sorting office staff receive a pay rise under the deal. The talks are likely to continue all week.

## Orange glow

Orange, the mobile telecoms company whose shares made their stock market debut in February, is favourite to be promoted to the FT-SE 100 index this week. It has a market capitalisation of £3 billion. But Railtrack seems likely to be excluded. Other contenders are United News and Media; Securix; Next; and Lucas Industries. Likely casualties are Foreign & Colonial; Greenalls; and Lashco.

## Innovation fall

Spending on innovation by UK manufacturers fell last year, from 6.7 to 6.2 per cent of turnover, according to a joint report by the Confederation of British Industry and NatWest. It also notes a significant fall in manufacturers' commitment to patenting, down to 62 per cent, from 77 per cent last year.



Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda, is launching a fresh offensive on prices by cutting the cost of Anadin

## Asda fights fixed prices by halving cost of painkiller

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ASDA, the supermarkets group, is launching another attack on the last bastion of price fixing by offering Anadin Paracetamol, the painkiller, at half its usual price.

The company first challenged the 26-year-old retail price maintenance (RPM) law on over-the-counter medicines last October, by discounting 82 brand vitamin and mineral products by 20 per cent. It had to put its prices back up when the makers, Roche and Seven Seas, took out injunctions. Asda

also had a key role in destruction of the net book agreement. The company said yesterday that the normal price tag on Anadin Paracetamol of £1.72 is an example of the "extreme absurdity" of the RPM laws. It will offer the product at 86p from today. Asda said that it will contact Anadin's makers, Whitehall Laboratories, this morning to explain what it has done and to find out what action Whitehall Laboratories may take.

Gwyn Burr, Asda's marketing director, said that painkillers such as Anadin Paracetamol were "well established mundane health aids". He said: "The margins on Anadin Paracetamol are amongst the highest available to any retailer in Britain. They rank alongside high fashion and expensive perfume."

Asda's move will chill pharmaceutical manufacturers and also retail chemists — large and small — which rely heavily on over-the-counter drugs' margins. The sector is

already in a state of uncertainty because of the bid battle for Lloyds Chemists between Unichem and Gehe, of Germany. The two bids were referred, in March, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is expected to report on them next month.

The Office of Fair Trading began an inquiry into RPM on non-prescription medicines last October. Asda said yesterday that it was "dismayed" that any decision may take up to two years to implement.

## HSBC made to explain risk element of new Pep

By JODY BRETKELLY AND ANNE ASHWORTH

HSBC Asset Management, the fund management arm of the international banking group, was forced to send out 13,500 letters to clarify vital terms and conditions of its new personal equity plan.

The action coincided with an Inland Revenue ruling blocking a controversial Scottish Amicable Pep scheme. This tested investors to the limit by allowing investors to put in £50,000. The normal general Pep allowance is £5,000.

John Cowan, general manager of Scottish Amicable, commented: "The timing of the Inland Revenue's action was clearly geared to create as much disruption as possible, and must surely call into question the way in which the Inland Revenue approves products for the financial services industry." Investors will receive a refund.

HSBC Pep Plus, a single company Pep tracking the FTSE-100 index, which allows investment of both the general and single company Pep allowance, totalling £9,000. It has already attracted £20 million. Brochures said that the Pep aimed to keep investors' capital "secure" and to pay 133 per cent of any rise in the market.

However, some press articles said that the capital was "guaranteed" and the company started to use one such article in its literature.

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (IMRO), the City watchdog, expressed concern about the literature, which was withdrawn, and asked the company to make clear the risks. As a result, the company has sent out letters to its 1,500 investors, as well as 7,000 to prospective investors and 5,000 to financial advisers, pointing out that the product is not guaranteed. The letter said that the risk to capital was "minimal".

The company is allowing investors until June 20 to cancel even if their cancellation period has passed.

Judy Deleforce, a spokesperson for IMRO, would not say whether it was taking further action, but added: "There are industry-wide concerns about the overuse of the word 'guaranteed'."

## State's taste for money limits Clarke's scope

The Chancellor's decision to cut interest rates can, at least, be justified on economic grounds, and the Mansion House speech will be used to do so. However, it does mean that little, if any, further monetary easing can now be expected before the Budget. Political temptations will surely be avoided, if only to prevent the embarrassment of a rate hike before the election (assuming John Major is not forced into an early poll).

The excuse that inflation is about to fall has been used up. The only justifications for another easing would be if, in the next couple of months, the economy displays clear signs of slipping into recession or sterling dramatically appreciates (up to 90 on the trade-weighted index and into a 2.40/2.45 range against the mark). With both of these things unlikely, base rates will be left unchanged for some time and attention will increasingly focus on the fiscal situation. With bad news emerging on borrowing, gilts are likely to underperform. The bad state of public finances will, however, eventually help the short end of the gilt curve. It will force a neutral Budget, and as this becomes clear, the Chancellor may ease rates again.

The first difficulty for the long end of the market will be the state of public finances. The PSBR target has twice been missed, and this is likely to happen again. To judge by available data, it appears that central government did not control spending in the last financial year, and this year's PSBR target requires even greater restraint.

This, combined with weaker than officially forecast growth pushing revenues down, will lead to a 1996-97 PSBR well above the £22.4 billion target. A figure of £30 billion is more likely. This would represent only a small improvement on last year's borrowing, and as redemptions will be

higher, total gilt issuance will have to rise. The market will have to absorb more debt when there will be no international bond market rally to aid gilts.

The state of government finances is likely severely to limit the Chancellor's scope in the Budget. Admittedly, for political reasons, there will be some tax cuts, but these will have to be small and offset by spending cuts. We will see more of the policy that has characterised Kenneth Clarke's chancellorship, looser monetary policy as the state of public finances prevents easing of the fiscal burden.

The public finances will also limit any rallies triggered by hope that sterling will be part of the first round of EMU. The general government deficit (as opposed to the PSBR) was 6 per cent of GDP in 1995, and, we calculate, will fall only to 5 per cent in 1996. It would require improbably savage tightening of fiscal policy in 1997 to get the deficit to 3 per cent. If the UK is to absorb the gilt market will probably continue to underperform in the next few months. Although it is now cheap against Germany, France, Italy and Spain, the scope for spread-narrowing is limited. At the start of the year, we said that ten-year gilts' yield spread over Germany would range between 140 and 225 bps, and so far it has been 140 to 180. Our range still holds. The curve's short end is likely to be safest, and should benefit from changing interest rate expectations. Maturities of five years and more will continue to suffer.

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## Irish turf chief's pay deal under scrutiny

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

THE fate of one of the most successful managing directors in Ireland's large state sector is in the balance as auditors complete their inquiry into his controversial pay package.

Dr Eddie O'Connor, who took over the running of Bord na Móna, the state turf board, nine years ago is widely credited with turning one of the country's sleepiest public sector companies into a lean, dynamic organisation. How-

ever, his managerial achievements have been overshadowed by debate about his pay packet.

A Price Waterhouse report has shown that Dr O'Connor's overall package over the three years to last March totalled between Ir£150,000 and Ir£200,000 a year. He also received Ir£141,000 in expenses. Politicians say that the package is way in excess of government guidelines.

## Barings inquiry may widen

By ROBERT MILLER

MEMBERS of the Commons Treasury Select Committee may call other senior Barings executives after taking evidence today from Peter Norris, the bank's former chief executive officer.

As *The Times* revealed last week, a BBC *Inside Story* special, to be screened on Wednesday, will show Mr Norris admitting that he was shocked at the general lack of internal management controls in Barings and the "mad hatter's tea party" atmosphere

in the days immediately before the £830 million crash.

The committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, is conducting its own investigation into the Barings crash, and has already interviewed Peter Barings, former chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy. Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, is to give evidence after Mr Norris.

Although repeatedly pressed by MPs to name the person he thought was responsible for failing to spot that

Nick Leeson, whose trading brought about the bank's downfall, was a fraudster, Mr Barings refused to do so.

Sir Tom said this weekend: "We may call other individuals who were with Barings at the time of the crash after we have heard from Mr Norris."

### WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 39

#### DIOECIOUS

(b) In Botany, having the unisexual male and female flowers on separate plants. In Zoology, having the two sexes in separate individuals. Sexually distinct. From the Greek for "having two houses". Derivative: "A species tending to become dioecious, with the stamens reduced in some individuals and with the pistils in others."

#### DRUGGET

(d) Coarse cloth. Formerly, a kind of stuff, all of wool, or mixed of wool and silk or wool and linen, used for wearing apparel. Now, a coarse woollen stuff used for floor-coverings, table-cloths, etc. From the French *drugue* as a stuff of little value. Some English writers have assumed a toponym from *Drogheda* in Ireland, but this is mere wanton conjecture, without any historical basis. "I remember plain John Dryden in one uniform clothing of Norwich drugget."

#### ETAGERE

(e) A piece of furniture having a number of shelves or stages, one above another, for receiving articles of elegance or use. A whorl for showing off such useless objects as snuff-boxes, silver knick-knacks and china for display not use. From the French *étage* a shelf. "Étagère, a piece of cabinet furniture: a what-not, side-board, dumb-waiter or set of shelves."

#### DECENNOVAL

(c) Of or pertaining to 19 years. From the Latin *decennovis*. *decennovis* 19. "Dionysius Exigens introduced the Decennovis Cycle (called the Golden Number) for the Celebration of Easter."

### SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1... cxd4 opens up a line for the black rook and leaves White helpless. e.g. 2 Ng4 f5 wins apiece, 2 Qh4 Rh5 or 2 Qf4 g5.

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Denmark Kr	9.58	8.89
Finland Mk	7.55	7.15
France Fr	8.41	7.78
Germany Dm	2.32	2.31
Greece Dr	388	363
Hong Kong \$	12.80	11.80
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Sh	5.44	4.79
Italy Lira	2497	2242
Japan Yen	181.00	165.00
Malta	0.598	0.543
Netherlands Gld	2.794	2.584
New Zealand \$	2.45	2.23
Norway Kr	10.65	9.85
Portugal Esc	255.00	238.50
S Africa Rd	7.29	6.48
Spain Ptas	207.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.23
Switzerland Fr	2.07	1.93
Turkey Lira	124414	118414
USA \$	1.842	1.512

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates are at close of trading on Friday.

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#### THE POUND

US dollar 1.5418 (-0.0079)  
German mark 2.3858 (-0.0003)  
Exchange index 86.3 (Same)  
Bank of England official close (4pm)

#### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 2752.2 (-39.6)  
FT-SE 100 3708.8 (-41.0)  
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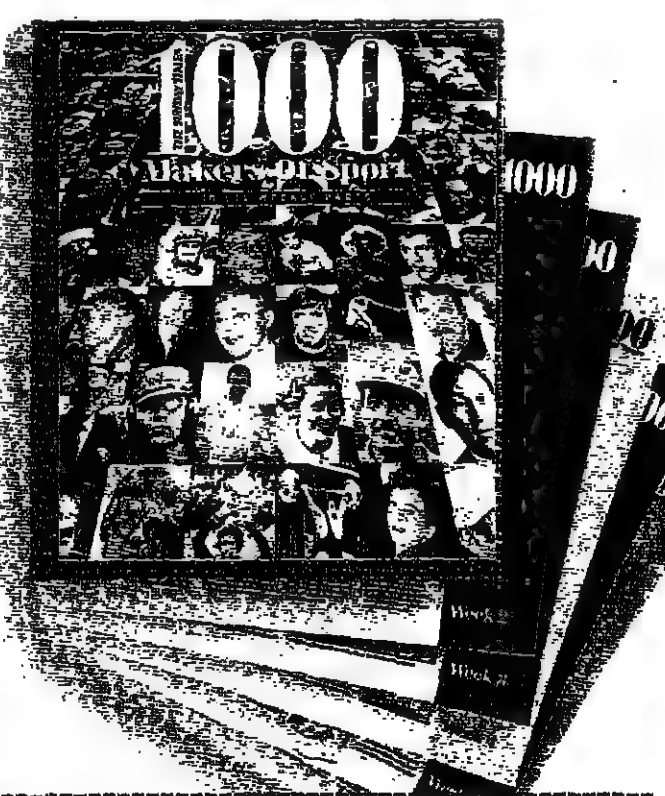
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Alasdair Murray reports on the next shot in the games war

## Nintendo rejoins battle for world domination

Nintendo will fire the latest shot in the computer games war when it launches its state-of-the-art Ultra-64 games machine next week.

Nintendo will first blood the product on the company's home Japanese market before launching in the United States in September, and in the UK in late autumn.

The machine has been years in the development, plagued by technical problems and cancelled launch dates, with Nintendo losing valuable ground in the games market to its arch rivals Sony and Sega.

Sony made a pre-emptive strike against the Nintendo launch when it cut the price of its PlayStation games console by £100 to £199 last week. Sony's price was also a response to Sega's £50 cut in May, to £249, in the price of its rival Saturn system. The price of the 32-bit Saturn has now halved since it was launched at £400 less than a year ago, as Sega struggles to compete. The price-cutting is all

part of a three-cornered battle for supremacy in the £10 billion worldwide games hardware market.

Nearly 400,000 games consoles were sold in the UK alone last year with Sony's PlayStation selling 200,000 units compared with just 50,000 Sega consoles. The relative failure of Sega sales in the UK and Europe has begun to hurt the group's profits. Sega revealed its profits had fallen by 18 per cent to £26 million this year after the company took a £160 million charge for scaling down its London-based European operations.

The gap in sales between the two companies is smaller worldwide, with analysts estimating that Sony sells four consoles for every three sold by Sega. But Sega responded to its poor results by cutting the price of the Saturn in the US to \$199, and a further cut in price is expected in the UK shortly. Sega is also pinning hopes on the launch of a net link for the Saturn console, which will provide

Internet services, including network gaming and e-mail, via the television.

Nintendo, meanwhile, which dominated the market in the late 1980s, chose to pass on the current round of fighting and steal a march on its rivals by launching the more sophisticated 64-bit Ultra games machine.

While group profits increased this year because of favourable currency fluctuations, underlying profits actually fell by 15 per cent to £1.87 billion, and analysts are gloomy about the group's immediate financial prospects. Games enthusiasts, however, have been impressed with their first sighting of the Ultra, which was unveiled at a Los Angeles trade fair last month. The machine has a 3D graphic capability equal to a top-of-the-range computer and Nintendo is planning to retail the machine at £249, bringing it into immediate competition with the less sophisticated Sega Saturn.

But Nintendo will have fewer than a dozen

software titles available at the launch, compared with around 100 titles on sale for the established 32-bit machines. Nintendo's software will also retail at around £70, up to 40 per cent more expensive than existing games software. The delay in the Ultra launch has also resulted in a number of major software companies defecting to rival camps.

The Ultra's ultimate success will depend heavily on Nintendo's ability to find a software success to match the Super Mario Brothers game, which was dominant in the early part of the decade.

The home computer is also becoming a major threat to all three games-makers. The spread of CD-Roms has meant that many homes now have computers capable of doubling up as serious game-playing machines. PCs are now responsible for about 40 per cent of all games sales, compared with 27 per cent in 1994.

## Extra fees that please the auditor

For some leading companies, the biggest bills are for consultancy services, writes Jon Ashworth

Guinness. Pure genius. And pure profit if you price Waterhouse, which picked up fees of £10.2 million last year for its consulting and auditing work for the company. BT. It's good to talk. And even better if you happen to be Coopers & Lybrand, which was paid £6.9 million in 1995 for audit and consultancy services.

The numbers are big, as one would expect from operations on this scale. BT alone made a pre-tax profit of £3 billion on sales of £14.4 billion last year. But the curious part is how auditing, the lifeblood of so many accountancy firms, appears to be losing its traditional dominance. At Guinness, for instance, only £2.2 million out of £10.2 million in fees was spent on the statutory audit. The rest went on various consulting assignments, notably £3 million on restructuring in Europe, and £2 million on tax advice.

Browse through the accounts of Britain's biggest companies, and the gulf between audit and non-audit work is readily apparent. NatWest paid £15.6 million in fees last year, of which only £4.1 million was due for audit work by KPMG. Some £7.1 million went on regulatory, tax, debt investigation and other advisory services, and £4.4 million was spent on management consulting. NatWest said consulting assignments are put out to tender, but it does not itemise



Sir William Purves, the chairman of HSBC, which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services

amounts payable to firms other than KPMG — a common practice for most companies. Wrap in the unseen figures, and the totals would undoubtedly swell.

Thorn EMI paid a total of £12.1 million in fees, of which only £3 million went to Ernst & Young for direct audit work. British Gas paid Price Waterhouse £1.5 million for audit work, and £6.9 million for non-audit services. Notable exceptions include HSBC,

which paid £9.4 million in audit fees to KPMG, and "only" £3.5 million for add-on services. Hanson paid Ernst & Young £6 million for the audit, and £1 million for other work. The analysis is part of an annual review by *Accountancy Age*, the trade publication.

Most of the FT-SE 100 company audits belong to the Big Four accountants: Coopers & Lybrand, Price Waterhouse, KPMG, and Ernst & Young. Audit typically accounts for about 50 per cent of total fee income. But a sharp rise in merger and acquisitions (M&A) work in the past two years has fuelled demand for add-on services.

Firms are being called in to advise on a multitude of complex regulatory and tax issues, with the auditor, more often than not, winning the spoils. Experts are quick to emphasise, however, that the extra work is not simply handed to the incumbent on a plate.

Roger Davis, head of audit at Coopers & Lybrand, says the reverse may often be true. He said: "The top companies are all shopping around. Auditors are not getting an advantage. If anything, they are at a disadvantage." Mr Davis said the auditor would be expected to take on related work, such

as regulatory reports, or due diligence on acquisitions. It is easier — and cheaper — to leave such work with someone who knows the business. More general consulting work — choosing a new computer system, for instance — would invariably be put out to competitive tender.

Gerry Acher, head of audit at KPMG, said winning non-audit work was far from a god-given right, and expects to see even more in the way of competitive tendering for consulting work in the future. This might apply in particular to computer projects worth £10 million or more. Mr Acher, chairman of the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and Wales, disagreed that non-audit work was growing in relation to audit fees. However, he conceded that firms had benefited in the past two years, as companies emerging from recession set about restructuring.

With or without competitive tenders, a surprising proportion of overall advisory work still appears to remain firmly under one roof. BT, for instance, paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.1 million for its work as auditor last year, up from £1.9 million in 1994. The fee for other services, including regulatory audits and tax compliance work, amounted to more than £4 million. And a

further £1.3 million in fees was payable to Coopers & Lybrand International for audit work overseas, and other services.

Grand Metropolitan, the name behind brands such as Pillsbury, Burger King and Häagen-Dazs, paid KPMG £4.4 million in audit fees last year. Other services to UK group companies incurred a further £3.6 million in fees, with an additional £1.9 million on services to non-UK subsidiaries. Total fees amounted to £9.9 million.

Demand for non-audit work often doubles the amount payable in fees. Commercial Union paid Coopers & Lybrand £2.3 million for audit work, and a further £2.5 million for additional services. The year before, the company paid Coopers £3.5 million for work relating to the acquisition of Groupe Victoire.

The figures need to be kept in perspective. Barclays, high in the league of fee-payers, paid Price Waterhouse £4.6 million in audit fees, and £4.2 million in respect of other accounting and regulatory work. The figures pale next to the amount spent in other areas — £88 million in consultancy fees (of which PW got £4.6 million), and £89 million for legal and other professional work.

FEES PAID TO AUDITORS 1994-95				
Company	Group auditor	Total fee (£m)	Audit fee (£m)	Add-on services (£m)
NatWest	KPMG	15.6	4.1	11.5
Barclays	PW	13.4	4.6	8.8
BP	EY	13.2	5.8	7.4
HSBC	KPMG	12.9	9.4	3.5
Thorn EMI	EY	12.1	3.0	9.1
Lloyds TSB	PW	10.5	5.1	5.4
Guinness	PW	10.2	2.2	8.0
SB	PW/Coopers	10.0	4.0	6.0
Grandliff	KPMG	9.9	4.4	5.5
P&O	KPMG	9.1	4.2	4.9

Source: Accountancy Age



### Brisby back in the real world

STEPHEN BRISBY, former head of corporate finance at UBS, is making the most of a Spanish holiday before returning to work after a 14-month gardening leave. The acerbic Oxbridge graduate, has been lured back to work as head of international mergers and acquisitions at Societe Generale.

Meanwhile, *Country Life* readers will have spotted Brisby's splendid pad in Leicestershire up for sale. Brisby, 46, and his Danish wife once out-bid Kathleen Tynan for a £2 million Kensington residence.

### Opera antics

THE staff notice board at Schroders, advertises discounted tickets for the latest



Top of the scale: English National Opera is preparing to entertain Schroders's directors, but at what price?

English National Opera production of *La Traviata* in September — but they are not available to board members. Schroders, sponsors of the event, either assumes that top dogs can pay full whack, or that corporate tickets will be available later.

### Just the job

DAVID MCINTOSH, a senior partner at Davies Arnold

Cooper, and a member-elect of the Law Society Council, was so impressed with a student speaking at a recent Oxford Union debate that he offered him a job. The first-year law student was agitated to hear the offer after he spoke from the floor against the motion McIntosh was defending: "This house would radically reform the judiciary."

### Best of enemies

PAULINE HEDGES, former press officer at the British Bankers' Association, is joining forces with consumer advocate Patricia Griffiths, founder of Bank Action Group. The pair will be working at Griffiths's business, helping disgruntled bank customers. Hedges said: "I know bank staff are not infallible — I used to be one."

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### RADIO CHOICE

## More grave than gravy

With Great Pleasure. Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.

I still preferred it when *With Great Pleasure* was performed in front of an audience. In my book, pleasure shared is pleasure doubled. This poetry and prose series starts up again this morning with the Beat poet, Allen Ginsberg, 70 this month, talking in his New York apartment about his favourite versifiers and breaking off for recordings by some of them. Under the influence of mystical readings of William Blake. This prompted him to set certain Blake poems to music. If they are all as lugubrious as the one we hear today, it doesn't say much for vegetarianism, mysticism, or Ginsberg as a singer.

Jazz Score. Radio 2. 10.00pm.

Can this quiz really be 18 years old? If that had been one of the answers tonight, there would have been the loudest gasp of disbelief anywhere on BBC radio all day. Benny Green is again in the chair, and John Dankworth, Cleo Laine, trombonist Rob McConnell and clarinetist Alan Barnes are the contestants. Nobody gets an answer wrong, and I think the anecdotes are unusually good. One of them concerns Bruce Adams, he of quiet fame. The morning after a heavy night before, he complained that he was suffering from the wrath of grapes. We also learn why it is not really serious if a classical guitar player accidentally bores his left thumb with a hammer.

Peter Daval

### RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans, and Newsbeat 9.00am Simon Mayo 12.00am Lisa Arson 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00pm Mark Goodier, and Newsbeat 7.45pm Kenner 8.00pm News 9.15pm Off the Shelf 6.30pm The Vintage Chart Show 9.00pm News in German 9.15pm International Question Time 10.00pm News 10.05pm Business Report 10.15pm Anything Goes 10.45pm Sport 11.00pm Newsbeat 11.30pm BBC English 11.45pm Off the Shelf 12.00pm Newsbeat 12.30pm Omnibus 1.30pm News in German 1.15pm Britain Today 1.30pm Andy Kershaw 2.00pm Newsbeat 3.00pm News 3.05pm Outlook 3.30pm John Peel 4.00pm News 4.05pm Sport 4.15pm BBC English 4.30pm News in German 5.00pm News Today 5.30pm Business Report 5.45pm Britain Today 6.00pm News 6.10pm World Today 6.25pm Take Five 6.30pm News in German 7.00pm Newsbeat 7.30pm Hoot 8.00pm Newsbeat 8.00pm News Summary 8.01pm Outlook 8.25pm Words of Faith 9.30pm Multitrack Hit List 10.00pm News 10.05pm Business 10.15pm Britain Today 10.30pm Living in the City 10.45pm Memoirs of The Changing Our World 11.00pm Newsbeat 11.30pm World Today 11.45pm Sport 12.00pm News 12.05pm Take Five 12.15pm Record News 12.30pm Multitrack Hit List 1.00pm News 1.30pm Global Concerns 1.45pm Britain Today 2.00pm Newsbeat 2.30pm Outlook 2.55pm Words of Faith 3.00pm Newsbeat 3.30pm Meridian (Feature) 4.00pm News 4.15pm Sport 4.30pm Europe Today

### RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30am Wake Up to Wogan 9.30am Ken Bruce 11.30am Denis Tuohy 1.30pm Debbie Thorne 3.00pm Alex Lester 5.00pm John Dunn 7.00pm Hubert Gregg 7.30pm Malcolm Laycock 8.30pm Big Band Special (Music Live on Tour) 9.30pm Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00pm Jazz Score. See Choice (10). 10.30pm The Jamesons 12.05pm Sport McGarry 3.00pm Alex Lester

### RADIO 3

5.00pm Morning Reports, and 6.45pm Wake Up to Money 6.00pm The Breakfast Programme and 6.55pm racing preview 8.35pm The Magazine, with Diane Madd 12.00pm Midday with Mair, and 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05pm Ruscoe on Fire, and at 3.05pm Acoustically and 3.45pm Entertainment News, with Lucy Longhurst 4.05pm Euro 96: Scotland v Holland 6.30pm News Extra and at 6.30pm Sports Bulletin 7.05pm Euro 96: Romania v France 9.35pm On the Job 10.05pm Talk, with Mike Baker 11.00pm Night Extra, and 11.15pm The Financial World Tonight 12.05pm The Other Side of Midnight 2.05pm Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

### TALK RADIO

6.50am Paul Ross 10.00pm Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Rieburn 3.00pm Tommy Boyd 8.00pm Peter Dinkley 7.00pm Sports Zone 10.00pm James White 1.00pm Ian Collins

### RADIO 4

6.00am On Air, includes Ruvell (Daphne et Chloé); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in B flat, Op 9 No 7); Mussorgsky (Dawn over the Moscow River, Khovanshchina); Debussy (Cello Sonata); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz: Morning Papers); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F)

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10.00pm News: With Great Pleasure (FM only). See Choice

10.00pm Daily Service (LW only) 10.15pm This Scepter'd Isle (LW only) 10.30pm Woman's Hour

11.00pm Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). The final day's play

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12.00pm News: You and Yours (FM only). Chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55pm Weather

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2.30pm Test Match Special (LW only) 3.00pm The Afternoon Shift (FM only) 4.00pm News 4.05pm Kaleidoscope (FM only). Lynne Walker profiles Hans Werner Henze, Composer in Residence at this year's Aldeburgh Festival

4.45pm Short Story: The Rebel (FM only). By Madeleine Wickham.

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9.00pm News 9.05pm Start the Week (Mervyn Bragg is joined by Alison Cooper, Martin Amis, Will Hutton, Roger Greif and Bernadette Valley)

10.00pm News: With Great Pleasure (FM only). See Choice

10.00pm Daily Service (LW only) 10.15pm This Scepter'd Isle (LW only) 10.30pm Woman's Hour

11.00pm Test Match Special: England v India (LW only). The final day's play

11.30pm Money Box Live (FM only): 0171-580 4444

12.00pm News: You and Yours (FM only). Chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55pm Weather

1.00pm The World at One 1.40pm The Archers (FM only) (r) 1.40pm Test Match Special (LW only)

1.55pm Shipping Forecast 2.00pm News: Mr Soloway and the Unicorn (FM only), by Helen Subersko With Cyn Shaps, Clare Isaac, Steve Hodson and Greg Ashton (r)

2.30pm Test Match Special (LW only) 3.00pm The Afternoon Shift (FM only) 4.00pm News 4.05pm Kaleidoscope (FM only). Lynne Walker profiles Hans Werner Henze, Composer in Residence at this year's Aldeburgh Festival

4.45pm Short Story: The Rebel (FM only). By Madeleine Wickham.

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# Plain tale of people behind the headlines

The great advantage of making retro costume telly is that current affairs developments don't get in the way. No bananas can do Dunkirk, for example — as it did last night — and feel pretty safe in the war in the next four or five years.

Contemporary drama has less of this luxury. Graham Reid's *The Precious Blood* for Saturday's Screen Two (BBC2) must have been a deeply audacious project, because it was constructed on the wobbly foundations of the ceasefire in Northern Ireland. But what is it like when a war ends? How does the cessation of hostility affect particular people — a dowdy, Roman Catholic Belfast widow whose Protestant husband was shot in bed beside her 12 years ago, and a born-again former UVF gunman, who now poses as a mirror with a Bible against his chest? Their desires are nearly

diametrical. The widow (Amanda Burton) has to keep the past alive, while bantling with her confused teenage son John; the gunman (Kevin McNally) begs Christ to forgive and forget his terrible sins. *The Precious Blood* was daringly simple. In fact, anybody not guessing in the first half-hour that Kevin McNally shot Amanda Burton's husband should really have their television licence taken away. But sincerity, compassion and good acting count for a lot, and so whenever Kevin McNally said: "I'd love to find all the people who've suffered as a result of my actions," or Amanda Burton pointed to her son and declared: "I just wish I could find the one that killed his father," there was no cause to laugh, or even to shout: "He's behind you!" The fitting but surprising climax of *The Precious Blood* was the heart-stopping cringe of anguish when Burton finally recognised the truth. It was an enno-

tional moment of rare intensity, and well worth waiting for.

Elsewhere in the plot, the mixed-up son (Michael Legge) tried to channel his aggression into boxing, but under pressure reverted to chucking bricks. Far too many bricks are lying loose on the streets of Belfast, if you want my opinion. Imagine you wanted a brick this minute; it would be hell to find. But then the first shot of the film showed the demolition of Amanda Burton's old house — symbolically, another example of the obliterated past: while practically, a plentiful source of missiles.

When Wycliffe (ITV) first appeared on our screens a couple of years ago, I was rather dismissive of it. In fact I thought it was a great big zero, and a shameful waste of Jack Shepherd. Last summer this wooden O earned such a high rating in the ITV schedules I had to put my

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head in a bucket and scream. This is what people like, apparently. And serve them right, this is what they get.

So Cornwall's own Wycliffe is back with a new series, and well, just track that pulse rate and see it die. Last night's story concerned multiple deaths of a sensational nature (would-be immigrants suffocated in a lorry) — in the real world, headline news. But in the

tranquilised milieu of Wycliffe, the glamorous detective with the long red hair says: "Looks like an immigration scam that's gone badly wrong," and is proved right over the next 55 minutes. Regional detective stories often over-compensate for their bucolic setting. Last year one ITV drama had a Midlands cop dealing single-handedly with the ritualistic serial slaughter of small children (under the full moon), utterly unhampered by the interest of the national press.

In previous series of Wycliffe, Jack Shepherd's wife and children have been notably absent, which was fine by me. But last night the omission was rectified to satisfy the nation's curiosity. What a let-down, it's as though Inspector Morse had said in the second episode: "Oh just call me Dougal, everyone else does." Anyway, Wycliffe made a nice speech to his wife (it was their anniversary) and she

smiled a lot. But it's a tradition of cop-ver-doctor series that the family whinges all the time — we never see you, Daddy, you always put immigrant suffocation ahead of us! Wycliffe's family have hit the ground running in this regard. Oh God, it's so incredibly tedious.

Back on Friday (can we remember that far, when so much foodie has intervened?), Jack and Jeremy's Real Lives (Channel 4) was hilarious. Having played aristocrat brothers in the first, less successful outing, this week they were pretending high-principled beatnik poets — "We're real kind of blanket in the window type people" — who sow indoors in overcoats and hate the Establishment, while actually cooking with Delia. Jack Dee is brilliant at teenage penance, and also looks good in a Joe Orton leather cap, so it was a perfect role. At the dimly-lit milkshop poetry

club where he and Jeremy Hardy performed "dangerous" improvisation, his dark glasses raised a snigger. "D'you want some?" he pouted. "Coz I'm ruddy well in the mood for it."

Sharing their flat were a mime artist, a terrible Irish wit called Eugene ("I never struggle. I only give in!"), and Stephen Frost as a naked Glaswegian abstract painter — all of whom cheerfully sold out before the half-hour was up. Jack and Jeremy's one chance of fame was lost because a dour, Georgie Jimmy Nail figure (beautifully played by Hardy) squeezed them out of a BBC2 late night programme. "It's bloody tragic everyone thinks of Jimmy Hardy as an actor-writer-producer-director," spat Dee. "No one credits him for being a singer-songwriter-producer-director-actor." The true voice of the nobody, that was.

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## BBC1

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (33854)
- 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Cesfax) (28045)
- 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cesfax) (2413381)
- 9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1187584)
- 9.50 Fighting Back (t) (Cesfax) (1369010)
- 10.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (1211294)
- 10.45 News (Cesfax) regional news and weather (3604923)
- 10.55 Cricket — First Test: England v India. Highlights (8565126)
- 11.25 Wildlife On One (8263818)
- 12.05 News and weather (734234)
- 12.05 The Natural World (2515294)
- 1.00pm News (Cesfax) and weather (31132)
- 1.30 Regional News and weather (39656923)
- 1.35 Neighbours (Cesfax) (s) (7522637) 1.55 Lovejoy (3569478) 2.45 Perry Mason (2055760) 4.20 Captain Calypso (1333858)
- 5.10 What A Carry On (1014294)
- 5.35 Neighbours (t) (Cesfax) (s) (288300)
- 5.55 News (Cesfax) and weather (213)
- 6.30 Regional News magazines (325229)
- 6.45 EastEnders. Ted tries to understand Sarah's newfound religion. (Cesfax) (s) (246316)
- 7.15 Euro 96 Live: Romania v France. Diamond Lynam introduces live coverage of tonight's Group B match at St James' Park, Newcastle with studio guests Alan Hansen and Ruud Geul. Also: highlights from Saturday's opening match against Holland at Villa Park. (Cesfax) (s) (8438478)
- 9.30 News (Cesfax) regional news and weather (40748)
- 10.00 Panorama: Back to the USSR. Jane Corbin reports on the tense build-up to Russia's presidential elections. (Cesfax) (762855)
- 10.40 Cold Lazarus. Dennis Potter's final drama series. Murders are being discovered in 20th and 21st century London. Only the subversive force stand between Siltz and his plans to turn Daniel's mind into a global ratings hit. With Albert Finney and Frances de la Tour (3/4) (t) (Cesfax) (s) (840774)
- 11.40 Film 96 with Barry Norman. New releases under review include *How to Make an American Quilt*, starring Wilma Ryster, Anne Bancroft, Ellen Barkin and Kyla Nelligan; and *The Juror*, with Alec Baldwin and Demi Moore. Plus the views of moviegoers on this year's films so far and a look ahead to some of this summer's aspiring blockbusters, including *Mission Impossible*, *Independence Day*, *Twister*, and *Eraser*. (Cesfax) (s) (11132)
- 12.10 Film: *And Millions Will Die* (1973) with Richard Gere, Leslie Nielsen and Joseph Fiore. After it is discovered that a time bomb filled with lethal gas has been buried under Hong Kong, the environmental crisis team, E Force, goes into action to save the city from disaster. Directed by Leslie Martinson. (Cesfax) (43633)
- 1.45am Weather (1870411)

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## BBC2

- 6.00am Open University: Dynamic Analysis (6654671) 6.25 The Politics of Equal Opportunity (1663107)
- 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3943687)
- 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1181652) 7.55 Blue Peter (t) (Cesfax) (s) (7059565)
- 8.20 Brum (t) (8513949)
- 8.30 Songs of Praise (t) (Cesfax) (s) (5478702)
- 9.05 Zig Zag (s) (2410294) 9.25 Movable Feast (5639497) 9.40 Jeunes Franco-phones (s) (2402745) 10.00 Playdays (t) (s) (2034861) 10.25 Hotch Potch House (s) (558487) 10.45 Look and Read Special (s) (1628890) 11.05 Zig Zag: Danger Detectors (s) (4629132) 11.25 Showcase (s) (4043316) 11.35 TV6 (s) (8287519) 12.05pm Liffeshead Extra: Carera (s) (8526478)
- 12.30 Working Lunch (51855)
- 1.00 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (s) (31319720) 1.20 Landmarks (Cesfax) (s) (31320836) 1.45 Storytime (s) (7297258) 2.00 Brum (t) (73896565) 2.10 Holiday Outings (78101403)
- 2.15 Film: *Bare Essence* (1990) starring Gregory Harrison and Lisa Hartman. A recently-engaged couple are marooned on an isolated Pacific island. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Cesfax) (212294)
- 4.00 Test Avery (t) (8283107) 4.30 Fudge (Cesfax) (s) (3969850) 4.30 FOT (Cesfax) (s) (590) 4.50 Newsround (Cesfax) (4802841) 5.10 Blue Peter (Cesfax) (s) (1012636)
- 5.35 Cricket — First Test: England v India. Highlights from Edgbaston. (s) (906652)
- 6.15 Film: *Rio Conchos* (1964) with Richard Boone, Stuart Whitman and Tony Franciosa. When an Apache burial party is cut down by a barrage from the Spencer rifle of a mysterious marksman, an American cavalry patrol is sent to investigate. Directed by Gordon Douglas. (49043842)
- 8.00 In the Blood: Divided We Stand (4/8) (Cesfax) (s) (802937)
- 8.50 Building Site: Number Bridge (4/8) (Cesfax) (s) (660039)
- 9.00 The X Files: Eve. After two identical murders at exactly the same time on two different coasts, Mulder suspects that there has to be supernatural involvement. (t) (Cesfax) (s) (163823)
- 10.00 Clash of the Titans: Hunt v Lauda (s) (182738)
- 10.30 Newsnight (Cesfax) (442229)
- 11.15 Face to Face. With Ken Dodd (854294)
- 12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham (s) (15814)
- 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

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## CHOICE

### In the Blood: Divided We Stand

Professor Steve Jones goes into very tricky waters this week and needs all his scientific caution to stay afloat. The subject is what, if anything, genetics can tell us about racial difference. As usual in this series, Jones eschews slick answers. He is more concerned to expose flaws in the theories of others. As he points out, race is not just a genetic question but a political one and he is at pains to separate the two. Jones dismisses the contention of the American professor, Charles Murray, that the genes of black people give them a lower level of intelligence. But he is equally sceptical about counter-claims from the black community. Jones's conclusion is not the stuff of headlines but at least it puts the argument in perspective: the differences between individuals of the same colour are far greater than the differences between whites and blacks in general.

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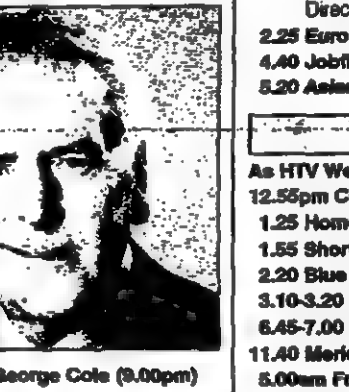
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- 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (t) (Teletext) (s) (1171923)
- 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2948010)
- 10.00 The Time... the Place (s) (9660590)
- 10.35 This Morning (7712549)
- 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7346478)
- 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4114687)
- 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4026478)
- 1.25 Coronation Street (t) (Teletext) (761045)
- 2.00 Murder, She Wrote (t) (8413107)
- 2.50 Garden Calendar (Teletext) (8420045)
- 3.20 News (4771213)
- 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (4770584)
- 3.30 Cariboo Kitchen (t) (6126239) 3.40 Total TV (t) (s) (3414768) 3.50 Old Ben Stories (t) (s) (6120045)
- 4.05 Euro 96: Holland v Scotland. Live coverage from Villa Park as Holland take on Scotland in the second group A match. (Teletext) (12408887)
- 6.30 News and weather (Teletext) (274497)
- 6.45 HTV News (Teletext) (220720)
- 7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan with special guest Rachel Hunter (9949)
- 7.30 Coronation Street. There are mixed feelings as two sons, Terry Duckworth and Stephen Field, return home. Mavis and Derek become increasingly concerned about Angela (Teletext) (805)
- 8.00 World in Action. What it is like to live next door to "the neighbours from Hell". (Teletext) (3038)
- 8.30 Take Your Pick hosted by Des O'Connor (Teletext) (5774)



Councillor George Cole (8.00pm)

## An Independent Man: The First Loser

- 8.00 An Independent Man: The First Loser (Teletext) (s) (4045)
- 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (28039)
- 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (570871)
- 10.40 Euro 96. Jim Rosenthal presents highlights of the Group B match between Romania and France from St James' Park. Either of these teams could be quarter-final opponents for England or Scotland. Commentary by John Helm. Plus the latest news from the England and Scotland camps. (Teletext) (562942)
- 11.40 Good Advice. Comedy about a marriage counsellor experiencing problems in her own relationship. (t) (533300)
- 12.10 Bushell on the Box (t) (4107968)
- 12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (869701)
- 1.25 International Festival of the Sea. Highlights from Bristol (4178546)
- 2.25 The 96 Replayed (t) (Teletext) (1508004)
- 4.40 Profile (8685785)
- 5.00 An Invitation to Remember (t) (25188)
- 5.30 News (10169)

## As HTV WEST except:

- 2.50pm-3.20 The New Mr & Mrs Show (8420045)
- 6.45-7.00 Wales Tonight (220720)
- 11.40 Artyfax (533300)

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### As HTV West except:

- 12.25-12.30 My Story (7354497)
- 12.55 Coronation Street (4026478)
- 1.25 Cross Wits (5987858)
- 1.55 Home and Away Special: Shane and Angel — Love Story (42176233)
- 2.25 Men in a Woman's World. How Truro Girls High School appointed a male headmaster for the first time in the school's 113-year history (4781238)
- 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (8688403)
- 6.45-7.00 Westcountry News (220720)
- 11.40 ITV Sport Classics. The 1984 NFL darts final (533300)

## As HTV West except:

- 12.55pm Coronation Street (4026478)
- 1.25 Home and Away Special (5987858)
- 1.55 Shortland Street (35953652)
- 2.20 Blue Heelers (8426671)
- 3.10-3.20 Breakaways (9015590)
- 6.45-7.00 Meridian Tonight (220720)
- 11.40 Meridian Works (533300)
- 5.00am Freezone (25188)

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## Ministers to overhaul state's support schemes for industry



Heseltine launching paper

By Philip Bassett  
Industrial Editor

THE Government is set to announce a radical overhaul of the entire range of official state support services for business. The move, to be made by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, this week, is part of the Government's latest initiative on UK industrial and economic competitiveness, which ministers will promote with a new White Paper on Britain's comparative competitive performance on Thursday.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, will launch the White Paper with the support of a range of ministers,

including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, and Mr Lang.

The White Paper will acknowledge the continuing gap between most companies in Britain and world-class companies from competitor nations, and will focus particularly on a skills audit of the UK's education and training performance.

Ministers will also announce a range of detailed moves on related issues, including education and deregulation, and Mr Lang will announce results of a Whitehall review of the services the Government provides for business in the UK.

The review, commissioned by the Prime

Minister, will preface a wholesale restructuring of Government-provided business services, which currently cost about £260 million in grants and other forms of aid for business.

Services covered by the review, initiated by John Major after consulting widely with small business, include regional selective assistance, to which the Government currently allocates some £100 million, to help investment projects that create jobs or safeguard employment in assisted areas. Labour will this week also announce the results of its own long-running examination of help for Britain's regions.

Other schemes that will be covered

include the small firms loan guarantee scheme, support for the development of Business Links, inward investment promotion and the development programme for chambers of commerce.

Although the Department of Trade and Industry will keep both responsibility and funding for business support schemes, Mr Lang will propose this week that the running of the schemes be pushed much closer to businesses that use them — at local level, by Business Links and Training and Enterprise Councils, and at sectoral level by industry bodies.

Labour is likely to seize on this proposal with accusations of state aid being handed

over by the Government to the private sector.

The Government is expected to reject once again new statutory measures on late payment of debt. Ian Pearson, a Labour small firms spokesman, said yesterday that the move showed clearly the Government moving in the wrong direction, against the wishes of small firms at local level.

The White Paper's skills audit will show that educational achievement in Britain lags markedly behind that of competitor nations. Mrs Shephard said yesterday that it was essential to make such comparisons so that it could be seen what improvements were needed.

## British Energy set for £100m dividend row

By Sarah Cunningham

BRITISH Energy will today cause a political storm when its pathfinder prospectus forecasts a dividend payout of nearly £100 million, almost double the level of the company's expected profits.

In addition, investors will not have to meet the final instalment for their shares until after the full dividend has been paid.

A dividend of this size for the year to March 31, 1997, would be a big incentive for potential investors in the nuclear power company, which is being privatised next month.

The company maintains that the payout will be supported by its strong cash flow. But critics of the nuclear flotation, including environmentalists and opposition politicians, are expected to protest at the size of the dividend, viewing it as a sweetener to investors designed to ensure the success of the privatisation.

The dividend forecast will help City analysts to put a value on the company, likely to be between £1.5 billion and £2 billion. There will be two dividends payments in the first year, one third in January and the rest in July.

Shareholder payments of second instalments are due in September, after the full dividend has been paid.

The document published today will also show that since the last balance sheet date of March 31, when debt was £700 million, it has effectively been cut as strong cash flow has added £200 million to the company's coffers and £230 million cash has been contributed by the Government to the segregated fund for decommissioning nuclear reactors. But the pathfinder prospectus is unlikely to carry an updated balance sheet. The Department of Trade and Industry is expected today to announce that the minimum first instalment for the shares will be £300. British Energy comprises eight nuclear power stations in Scotland and England which are responsible for generating about 18 per cent of the UK's electricity.

In the prospectus, the company will say that it wants to focus on improving the efficiency of the plants. It will also reveal that it is applying for line extensions on four of its eight nuclear power stations. It says these should be granted

within three years. The stations are due to begin closing in 2006 so life extensions will mean a big increase in the value of the business. It will also say that, barring unforeseen hindrances, it hopes to maintain a progressive dividend policy.

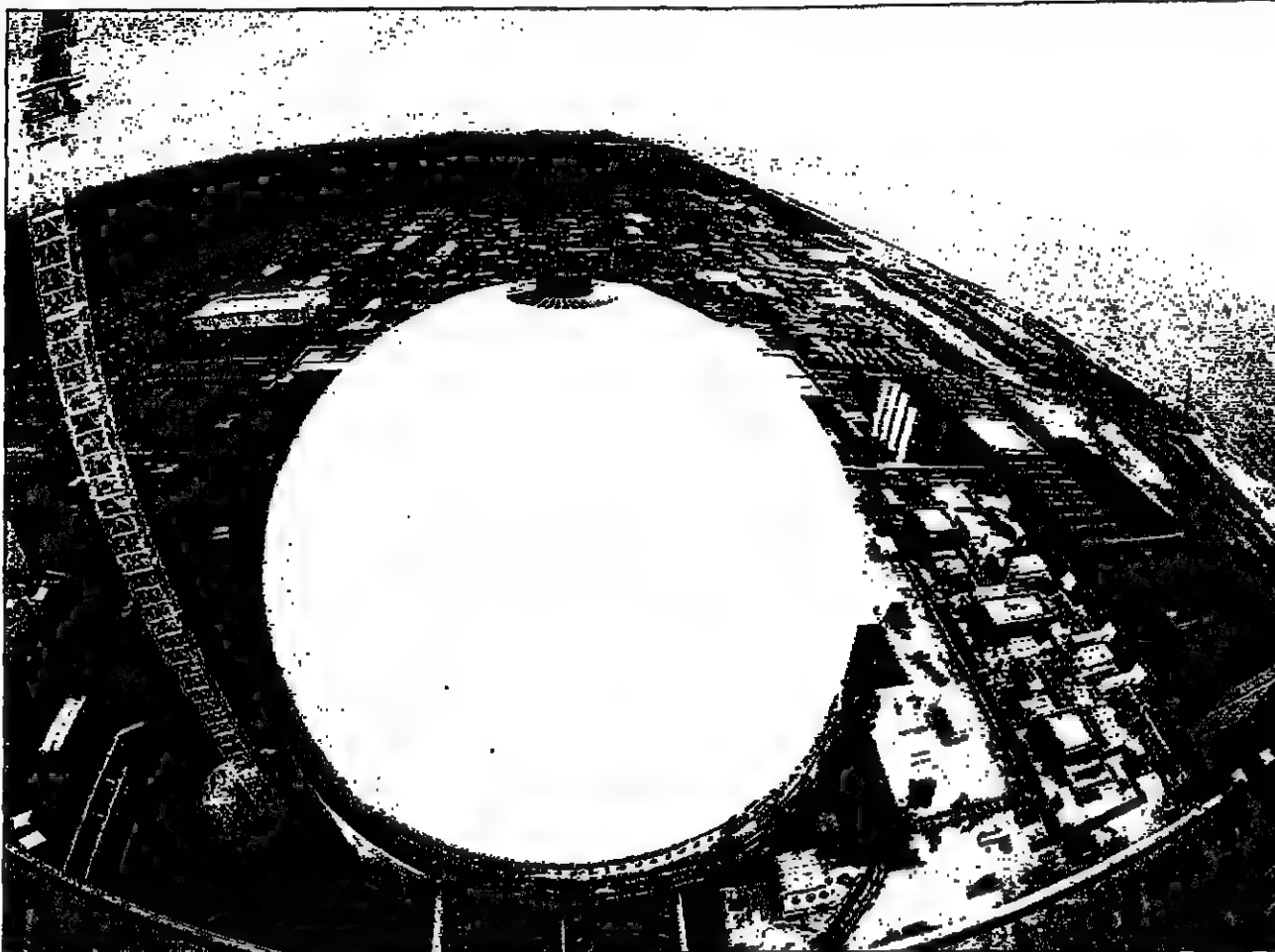
The Government's advertising campaign for the British Energy sale, the last big privatisation before the general election, began last month with the slogan "A final burst of energy".

Private investors, who are being offered 30 per cent of the company, have a choice of either a discount of 10p per share off the second instalment on the first 1,200 shares allocated and held continuously until the second instalment is paid, or a share bonus.

That involves investors being allocated a one for 15 share bonus on the first 1,800 shares allocated and held continuously until July 31, 1999.

If there is heavy demand, private investors applying via share shops will have preference. Share dealing is expected to begin in mid-July.

The prospectus is also expected to show that the directors of British Energy have agreed not to set up any share option schemes for 12 months after privatisation. This should help to avoid "fat cat" accusations.



British Energy's eight nuclear power stations, which include Sizewell B, generate about 18 per cent of UK electricity

## Water battle coming to the boil

By Christine Buckley

THE battle for Southern Water will intensify this week when ScottishPower renews its bid with an offer that is expected to be worth about £1.66 billion.

ScottishPower's initial offer of £1.56 billion bid was overtaken by a £1.6 billion offer by Southern Electric, which was recommended by the board of Southern Water.

Southern Electric is expected

to publish its offer document on Thursday, setting the bid clock ticking. ScottishPower will make its move shortly after.

At the heart of the battle between the bidders will be claims over the level of cost savings that can be achieved after a takeover of Southern Water.

ScottishPower is thought likely to say that it can achieve

annual cost savings of up to £45 million, while Southern Electric will pitch savings of £50 million a year.

ScottishPower has written to all shareholders of Southern Water and is likely to emphasise its case on customer benefits and jobs. It has offered price cuts of 3 per cent to Southern Water customers from 1998, two years ahead of the next regulatory review.

Southern Electric has been silent so far about price cuts for water customers.

ScottishPower also hopes to use Southern Water's customer base to gain a share of the gas and electricity market in Sussex and Kent when deregulation is introduced. A trial in the South West to open the gas market to independent suppliers is to be extended to the South and South East.

## Harrods may float in London and US

By Sarah Cunningham

HARRODS, the landmark London department store, is considering a stock market flotation, seeking to emulate the successes of Harvey Nichols, its Knightsbridge neighbour, and of New York's Saks Fifth Avenue.

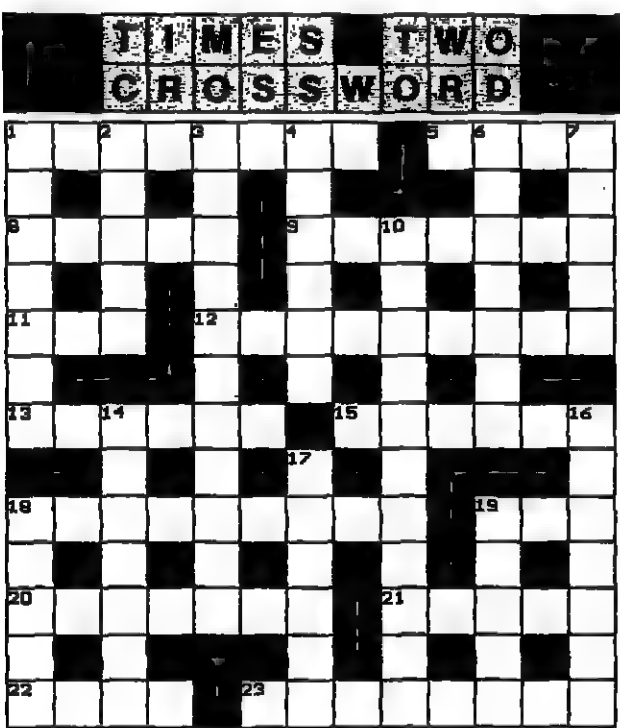
The flotation could raise as much as £2 billion. It is understood that around a fifth of the equity would be sold. Most of the money raised would be used to expand the business, with some being retained by the Fayed family.

It is likely that Harrods shares would be listed in London and New York. Lehman Brothers, the US investment bank, is believed to be advising the Fayed family.

A spokesman for Harrods said yesterday that no firm decision had yet been taken on a flotation. He said: "At the conclusion of another successful year of trading, Harrods is examining a number of options in the next stage of its planned expansion."

No timetable has been set, he said, but "in the event of a public offering being selected as an option, an appropriate announcement will be made".

The brothers, Mohamed and Ali, paid £573 million for Harrods' owner, House of Fraser, in 1985. They then floated off other Fraser stores while enlarging Harrods.



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- 3 Distort; surprise in plot (5)
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- 5 Be indebted (3)
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- 7 Low point; cattle waterer (6)
- 8 Tesselation (6)
- 9 Retinue (9)
- 10 Personal transport (3)
- 11 Waves; sailor's water-cook (7)
- 12 Red hair-dye (5)
- 13 Top of house (4)
- 14 Malmsey-drowned duke; London royal house (8)

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- 6 Abstracted state; musical form (5)
- 7 Assemble (3,8)
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## Boots to get £50m as WH Smith quits DIY

By Our City Staff

WH SMITH is ready to pay Boots up to £50 million to extricate itself from Do It All, the struggling do-it-yourself retail chain that is jointly owned by the two companies.

The agreement will be announced on Wednesday as part of a comprehensive review of Smith's businesses, launched four months ago by Bill Cockburn, the company's new chief executive.

WH Smith will effectively give Boots its 50 per cent interest in Do It All, with a cash payment of about £50 million to cover any branch closures that are likely to follow once Boots takes full control. Up to a third of Do It All's 195 outlets may be closed.

The agreement will bring to



Cockburn: wide review

an end a six-year partnership. Boots became involved in the DIY sector as a result of the takeover of Ward, White, which owned the Payless chain. A sharp downturn in

business as a result of the housing market slump forced Boots and WH Smith to merge their DIY chains to save costs and remain competitive with B&Q and Homebase, the rival chains.

Mr Cockburn's review of WH Smith will also herald the closure of the company's head office in London. A streamlined head office is to be established in Swindon, Wiltshire. In April, WH Smith sold its business supplies operation, trading as Niceday, to Guilbert, of France, for £142 million in cash.

The disposal of Do It All will leave WH Smith free to concentrate on restoring growth at its core retailing outlets. In 1994-5, profits from the high street shops fell 16 per cent to £65 million.

## Court to settle £3m shares dispute

## Dockers sue KPMG

By Sarah Cunningham

KPMG, the accountant, is being sued for more than £3 million by former employees of Dockers Ports for alleged negligence in assessing the value of company shares they were forced to sell in 1993.

Des Crampton, former operations director of Dockers Ports, said yesterday that the plaintiffs' case will be based on KPMG's valuation of Dockers shares in the spring of 1993 as worth £2.50 each. Shortly after the employees sold their shares, Dockers Ports was sold in September that year to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company for £35 per share.

The hearing, at the Queen's

Bench division of the High Court, is due to begin on July 8. KPMG said that it would be contesting the action.

The 150 former employees involved in the action sold their shares after being sacked by Dockers Ports in 1993. Most were dockworkers and lost their jobs because they had refused to accept new contracts.

An industrial tribunal decided they had all been unfairly dismissed, but as they were no longer with the company, they had to sell their holdings. At that point, KPMG was named as assessor.

Mr Crampton, who is now operations director at the Tees

and Hartlepool port authority, said he had left Dockers after a disagreement about the dockworkers' contracts.

Mr Crampton said that the plaintiffs, who will be led by Ian Croxford, QC, would call an expert witness from the accountant Ernst & Young, who would contend that the minimum valuation of the Dockers shares should have been between £15 and £17. The plaintiffs will ask for KPMG to make up the difference between £2.50 and £15-£17, a total of £3 million to £4 million. Mr Crampton held 45,000 shares while dockworkers held up to 5,000 shares each.



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## Pollution 'm' to whales the

FROM RAGNAR EW

WHALES are as graceful as the ocean liner and the more they are hunted, the more they are threatened. The International Whaling Commission, Peter Bridgewater, the commission chairman, said: "There is enough circumstantial evidence to suggest that the effects from pollution are enough to suggest that the populations of the Atlantic could be reduced to dangerous levels. Whales which could once be hunted for their blubber are now being investigated as a result of pollution."

According to the Environmental Investigation Agency





King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit of Thailand preside over a parade marking his Golden Jubilee yesterday

## Thais open cell doors for jubilee

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

THE gates of jails all over Thailand were thrown open yesterday for the first of 26,000 prisoners to be released in celebration of the Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol. However, Britons convicted of drug trafficking will not be among them.

King Bhumibol, 68, the world's longest-reigning living monarch, celebrated his 50th anniversary on the throne yesterday with traditional pomp. Gilded royal barges propelled by oarsmen delighted spectators along the Chao Phraya river.

At Klong Prem prison here, about 290 Thais and three foreigners were released. In Lard Yao women's prison near by, Sandra Gregory, 32, and Patricia Fury Hussain, 34, jailed for 25 years and 30 years respectively for heroin trafficking, have yet to be told if their sentences will be reduced. Miss Gregory is hoping for a transfer to a British prison next year.

## Israel is warned of war risks as Arab states call summit

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

SYRIA, Egypt and Saudi Arabia have said that any shifts by Israel's new right-wing leadership away from the peace process could plunge the region into another war.

The leaders of the three states said an Arab summit would be held this month to map out a strategy to deal with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister-elect. The announcement came at the end of a meeting in Damascus between President Assad of Syria, President Mubarak of Egypt and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

"Any retraction by Israel on the basis of the peace process or going back on its commitments and pledges that have been reached... represents a real threat of returning the region to the cycle of tension and violence," the statement issued by the meeting said.

Arab leaders have been alarmed by Mr Rabin's refusal to commit himself to giving up any more land to the Arab world in exchange for peace. Last week Mr Rabin ruled out any withdrawal from the Golan Heights, captured from Syria during the 1967 war and later annexed by the Jewish state.

Announcing that the Arab summit would be held in Cairo from June 21 to 23, the three leaders said peace could be achieved only if Israel withdrew from all occupied areas, including the Golan Heights, southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another condition for peace was the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

Gaza: Palestinian sportsmen will take part in the Olympic Games for the first time in Atlanta next month, the Palestinian Olympic Committee said yesterday. The committee, which had sought Olympic recognition since 1978 and won provisional recognition in 1993, said the Palestinian flag would be flown alongside those of 197 other nations. (Reuters)

Heights, southern Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another condition for peace was the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

The summit announcement was welcomed by Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman. Earlier, a joint meeting of Palestinian Authority ministers and members of the PLO executive in Gaza City said any policy statement by the incoming Israeli Government denying a Palestinian state, refusing a Palestinian role in Jerusalem and rejecting a withdrawal from the Golan Heights would amount to a declaration of war.

The PLO, Jordan and Lebanon accepted invitations to join the summit. King Hussein of Jordan signalled that he would adopt a more moderate line when he said he was con-

fident about the future of the Middle East peace negotiations. He also believed Mr Netanyahu was committed to the peace process.

Although the statement emphasised the need for "Arab solidarity and unity", Egypt ruled out any participation in the meeting by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Mr Netanyahu's office refused to respond to the statement issued in Damascus and said any comment would have to wait until he had formed a coalition government. However, Ehud Olmert, Mayor of Jerusalem, tipped to join the Cabinet, said the statement displayed nervousness about Israel's change of guard.

Speaking on Israeli state television, Mr Olmert said the fact that Arab leaders had organised a summit even before a new government was formed "indicates that there is nervousness on the opposite side because the relatively comfortable life they had with the previous Government they understand has ended and a new period has come".

In another development, Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement) called on Arab leaders to help the Palestinian "popular resistance" against Israel until Arab states reach military parity with the Jewish state.

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## Pioneer of China's rights struggle released from jail

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

REN WANDING, known to Chinese as "the father of China's human rights movement", was released from prison yesterday after completing a seven-year sentence for "counter-revolution" imposed after Tiananmen.

His wife, Zhang Fengying, has issued conflicting statements about his whereabouts. She said initially that he had been taken to the northeastern city of Dalian by police, but later, in a telephone interview with Hong Kong, she said he had gone "voluntarily for a rest". Her second statement is likely to be the result of police pressure.

Mr Ren, a veteran dissident, was sentenced in 1979 to four years in prison for his role as a close associate of Wei Jingsheng, at Peking's Democracy Wall. Mr Wei was sentenced to 15 years and last year, after a brief spell of liberty, was sentenced again to 14 more years.

In 1988, the year before the Tiananmen uprising began, Mr Ren wrote in *The New York Times* that Chinese intellectuals should demand freedom for political prisoners. During Tiananmen he continued this demand and also called for political reforms to accompany those in the economy.

After the Tiananmen killings, and just before his arrest on June 9, 1989, Mr Ren, 51, is said to have asked for help from the United States Embassy but was turned down. His activities came under

particular criticism from Chen Xitong, Peking's Mayor, as being substantially responsible for what happened in Tiananmen.

Mr Chen, who was later elevated to the Politburo, is now under house arrest over charges of embezzling more than \$35 million (£22.5 million).

During his second sentence Mr Ren's health deteriorated and for long periods he was handcuffed during limited medical treatment.

Last night the fate of Bao Tong, China's highest-ranking political prisoner until his release from a seven years' confinement on May 27, remained unclear.

A Central Committee member, secretary to the Politburo Standing Committee, and chief aide to Zhao Ziyang, party general secretary until May 1989, Mr Bao was accused of "counter-revolutionary incitement" and "leaking state secrets" to the demonstrators.

His detention was connected to the disgrace and house arrest of Mr Zhao, who remains under close surveillance, and it is assumed that Mr Bao's continuing isolation in a Peking suburb is because he has much to reveal about the split inside the party in May 1989.

Mr Zhao was publicly urging leniency for the students while Deng Xiaoping, senior leader, and Li Peng, the Prime Minister, favoured the eventual violent suppression.

## Pollution 'more harmful to whales than hunting'

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

WHALES are at greater risk from pollution and the hole in the ozone layer than they are from commercial whaling, according to the International Whaling Commission.

Peter Bridgewater, the commission chairman, said: "There is enough circumstantial evidence to suggest there are effects from pollution on whale populations." He added that ozone depletion over the Antarctic could expose whales to damaging solar radiation which could affect future whale stocks.

According to the Environmental Investigation Agency,

more than 1,500 striped dolphins died in the Mediterranean in recent months from a virus linked to high levels of pollutants, while 750 bottlenose dolphins were killed in the Gulf of Mexico from a combination of pollution, viral infection and toxic algae.

Mr Bridgewater's claims came as the Australian Government was criticised by environmentalists over its decision to seek a special exemption for greenhouse gas emissions on the ground that Australia is more reliant on fossil fuels than other developed countries.

## Suu Kyi averts showdown as thousands defy military junta

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN RANGOON



Suu Kyi: toned down speech to supporters

THE pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, took a careful step back last night from a showdown with the military regime, giving a bland, inoffensive speech to supporters to avoid violating draconian new public order laws.

About 5,000 people braved the new decrees, which can land offenders in prison for up to 20 years, to gather outside the gates of Daw Suu Kyi's home for her customary weekend lecture. As on Saturday, when 5,000 people turned out for the first meeting since the

new decrees were imposed, authorities did not interfere, fuelling confusion about whether the regime was being tolerant or delaying a crackdown for a quieter moment.

Before Suu Kyi appeared, the crowd chanted for several minutes. "Long live Aung San Suu Kyi" and "Let the cause for democracy be successful." Daw Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel peace prize winner, told them: "You are not gathering here because we speak. This is a gathering of the people, who proved themselves to be very orderly and disciplined."



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# Hand on heart

The sky blue coolbox in the corner of the operating theatre marks this as a transplant. It is the kind taken on picnics every summer packed with fizzy wine and smoked salmon. Today it carried a baby's heart.

The patient on the operating table is two and a half. She has just become the 2,000th to receive a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex. A dozen gowned figures led by Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub are clustered round her tiny body with its gaping chest wound, but no one is looking at the patient. All heads are turned to the monitor that records the beating of her heart. Yes, she has not one, but two.

Last October this girl was given six months to live. Today is her last chance — a piggyback transplant in which a heart taken from a premature baby will be used to boost her own.

The first thing that strikes the visitor is the hush, broken only by the occasional quiet command from Sir Magdi. These are anxious moments. The surgical plumbing is complete and the hearts have been re-started. Now the team must ensure they beat normally using drugs to regulate rhythm and blood pressure. The wildly swinging traces on the monitor

## Jeremy Laurance meets Sir Magdi Yacoub as he completes Harefield Hospital's 2,000th heart transplant

screen are scrutinised minutely by a dozen pairs of eyes.

After another hour, Sir Magdi removes his glasses with their binocular attachments and withdraws to talk to the parents, while his assistants complete the tidying up.

It is 8.30 on a Saturday night and he has a private patient to see before he can go home. I and *The Times* photographer have been granted a rare ten-minute audience with the father of heart transplant surgery in Britain.

This should be a moment for celebration, 16 years after the heart transplant programme began in earnest in Britain, yet the mood is subdued. It will be many hours before the patient is out of danger and a month before the team can claim the operation as a success. Sir Magdi knows the risks and tragedy always threatens — as events prove.

Sir Magdi performed his first heart transplant at Harefield in January 1980 only weeks after Sir Terence English, who retired last year, had performed the first successful transplant at Papworth

Hospital, Cambridgeshire. The rivalry between the two, though never publicly acknowledged, was sharpened by their different styles: the patrician Sir Terence with his fondness for family walks contrasted with the missionary Sir Magdi, who seemed truly fulfilled only in the operating theatre.

In the early days, Sir Magdi's relentless demands on staff and resources provoked criticism from those who saw other specialties depleted. Now heart transplants are an accepted part of the surgical repertoire. More than 300 operations a year are performed in Britain and Harefield is among the world's leading centres.

Of its 2,000 patients, half are still alive and a new patient today has an estimated 60 per cent chance of surviving ten years. Britain's longest survivor, Derrick Morris, aged 65, was Sir Magdi's third patient and has lived for 16 years since the operation.

So is it now a routine operation? Propping his head on his hand, Sir Magdi answers slowly and delib-

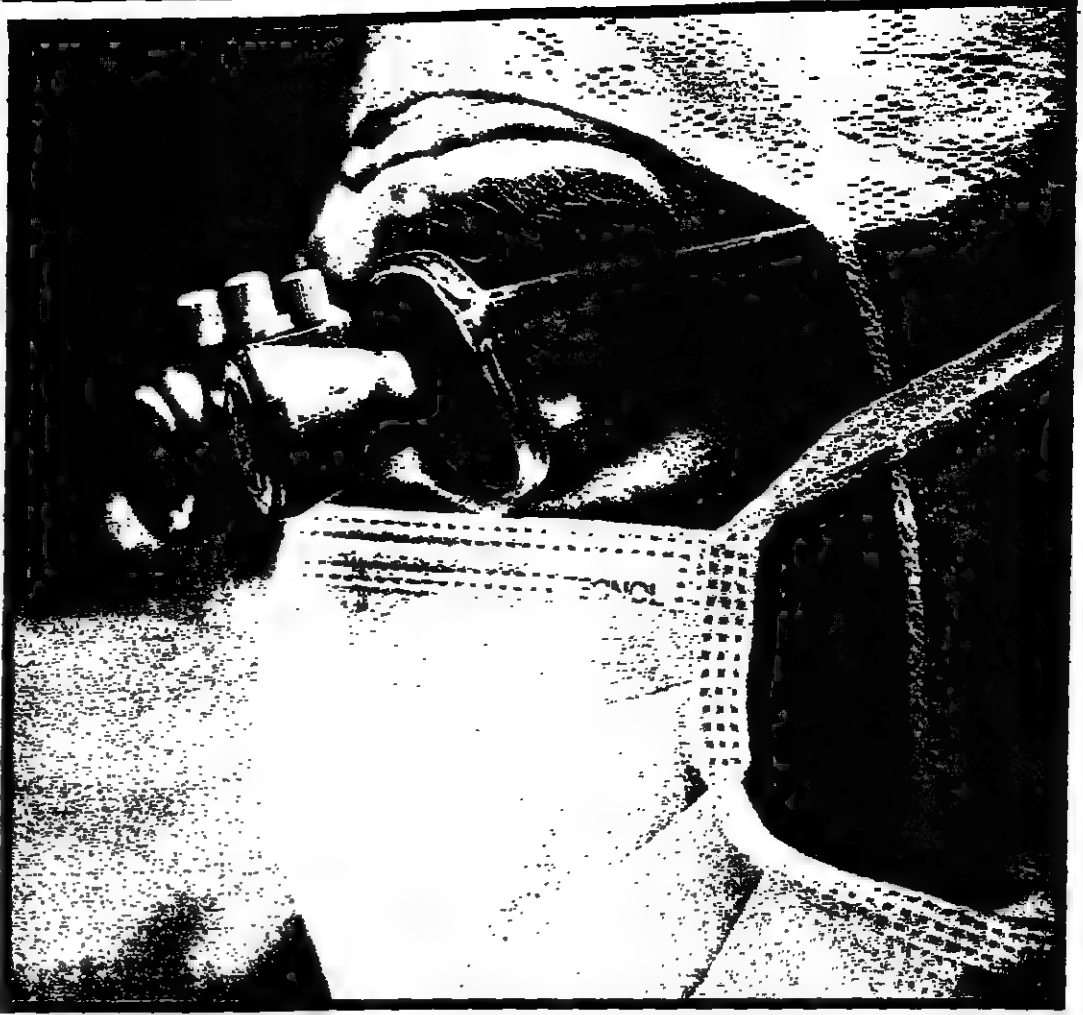
erately. "To me it is an operation designed to improve a patient. I don't see it as an operation with a mystique."

The shortage of donors is a constant problem and Harefield has cut back its transplant programme for hearts and lungs from a peak of 202 operations in 1989 to 133 last year. However, developments in animal transplants and mechanical hearts could, if successful, multiply those figures many times. Sir Magdi believes xenotransplantation — using animal organs — is the future.

"I think it will work but we are not there yet. I am extremely sensitive to the needs of animals but I think it is hypocrisy to criticise people for using them in this way when we eat them."

He has just turned 60 but retirement is not something he has thought about. He enjoys his Lamborghini and grows orchids. He lives with his German wife, Marianne, and has three children in their twenties.

Next morning, callers are told that the little girl has died "unexpectedly" in the night, eight hours after surgery was completed. Six months of waiting and hoping have ended in tragedy. For all its technological brilliance, transplanting the human heart will never be without risk.



Sir Magdi Yacoub maintains concentration on the intricate task before him in the operating theatre

## Creation of a fiery flashback

PHYSICISTS at the European Centre for Particle Physics in Geneva (CERN) believe that they have reproduced the fireball present in the universe ten millionths of a second after the Big Bang.

By bombarding a lead target with atoms of lead stripped of their electrons and accelerated to close to the speed of light, they have produced, for a brief instant, a soup of elementary particles a billion times hotter than the surface of the Sun that existed then.

The team use the super proton synchrotron at CERN to collide the heavy nuclei together, and then detect what emerges.

All matter is believed to consist of quarks, fundamental building blocks which cannot normally be observed on their own because they are bound together by the so-called strong nuclear force.

But in the extreme conditions achieved in these experiments, the strong force is expected to weaken, creating a mixture of quarks and gluons, the particles responsible for the strong force.

The tell-tale evidence that

such a quark-gluon plasma has been produced, says Dr David Evans from Birmingham University, is the production of an excess amount of the class of quarks known as "strange".

Normally when quarks collide they produce only the two lightest quarks; but under the circumstances of this experiment, more of the heavier strange quarks are expected.

They can be spotted because they bind together to create exotic particles called lambdas and omegas that survive for long enough to be detected.

In earlier experiments using sulphur ions and a tungsten target, Dr Evans says, the production of

strange particles was increased by a factor of two. The more recent experiments with lead show even greater increases.

As well as confirming current physical theories, the findings could have implications for cosmology.

Understanding exactly what happened at such an early moment in the history of the universe could help to explain its later evolution.



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Russian family values: (left to right) Naina Yeltsin called in the cameras while Raisa Gorbachev kept quiet; the Lebeds and the Zhirinovskys play to the media but Gennadi Zyuganov refuses to use his wife and daughter as political tools

# Kremlin wives open the curtains

Moscow's presidential hopefuls are waking up to the idea that their wives may help them to create a winning image, says Richard Beeston

When the reclusive and homely Naina Yeltsin appeared on Russian television screens chatting candidly about life in the President's household, a small piece of Russian history was in the making. As she recounted how she personally ironed his suit every evening — helping herself to whatever money she found in his pockets — and revealed how the insomniac President loved to do noisy DIY in the early hours of the morning, Mrs Yeltsin was changing the face of Russian politics.

Not only had she helped to restore a human quality to a leader who had lost touch with his people, but she also set a new trend which other Russian politicians have been quick to copy. No longer would voters be satisfied with grey men in grey suits making tiresome speeches; the press had been invited into the family home, and the public's appetite was whetted.

Irina Zaitseva, the popular Russian television news reporter who interviewed Mrs Yeltsin, recalls that at the time she had given little thought to the impact of her programme. "I had just asked casually for an interview because I met Naina. We got on well and I thought she would make a good story," she says. "I was not expecting the extraordinary interest that it generated."

In the following weeks candidates' wives, with the backing of their husbands, were practically queuing up to let the cameras into their living rooms. For many television viewers, the Sunday evening current affairs programme, *Itogi*, became compulsive viewing as one after another of Russia's presidential hopefuls allowed the public a glimpse into their homes.

Never one to miss a chance for free publicity, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, used the appearance of his wife Galina to try to

undo the very low opinion most women have of him. Although in the past he has boasted of taking part in group sex and was once filmed beating a woman deputy during a parliamentary punch-up, at home his wife made him out to be a model husband. Mrs Zhirinovsky revealed that the anti-Western firebrand, who bottles his own brand of vodka, does not drink alcohol, does not like loud music and spends most of his time reading, drinking fruit juice and

**'What we are witnessing in Russia is politicians using cheap gimmicks to improve their standing'**

making himself useful around the house.

Not to be outdone, General Aleksandr Lebed, another presidential hopeful with little support among women, sought to shed his macho army image through his wife Irina. Mrs Lebed revealed that the gravel-voiced former paratrooper was a caring modern man who loved to play the guitar and take his dog Cheswick out for walks.

Not everyone, however, benefited outright from the new experiment in openness. Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a world-famous eye surgeon and presidential candidate, may not have anticipated his wife Erina's overly candid remarks. "I don't know why he is running for President," she says. "I told him he has not got a hope of winning."

For some Russians intimate details of the candidates' personal lives went far beyond anything they had ever heard.

Natalia Brintsalov, the young wife of the millionaire businessman and presidential hopeful Vladimir, shocked the public when she emphasised her husband's sexual prowess, and boasted that she was the same age as his daughter by a first wife.

Larissa Vasilieva, the author of *Kremlin Wives*, a history of the women behind the Soviet leaders, says that the flurry of interest in the family life of today's politicians would have been unthinkable during the 70 years of communist rule.

Kremlin bosses went to such great lengths to keep their personal lives private that when Viktoriya Brezhnev, the wife of the former Soviet leader, died nobody knew anything about her, even though her husband had been the ruler of a superpower for 18 years.

The Soviet tradition was to keep the wives in the kitchen or in prison," says the writer. "Now we have become like America. Every tiny detail has to be on public view."

Nevertheless, not everyone is joining in the "first lady mania" with enthusiasm. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and presidential hopeful, has effectively forbidden his wife Nadezhda to give any interviews and considers it an intrusion of his privacy.

"This is not the tradition in Russia," he said, when asked recently why his wife, an engineer in a watch factory, had not shared her views with the public. "We are not a Western country. I think that only one person in the family should be involved in politics."

Surprisingly, his opinion seems to be shared by his ideological opponent, Mikhail Gorbachev. Although the former Soviet leader pioneered glasnost during his reforms and allowed his wife Raisa to emerge from the shadows of the Kremlin, the experiment backfired. Many attribute his current unpopularity in part to Raisa's high-handed manner and love of expensive Western clothes. She has remained mute during the election campaign, breaking her silence only once to announce that she had given away her designer dresses.

Even Grigori Yavlinsky, the last authentic liberal candidate in the presidential race, who moulds himself very much on a Western politician, has deliberately kept his wife out of the campaign. "What we are witnessing today in Russia is politicians using very cheap gimmicks to improve their standing," he said. "My wife and I decided several years ago that we would not use the family as a political tool. I work in politics, but my family life is private."

Perhaps today's Russian politicians simply learnt from their monarchist predecessors that involving wives in poli-



Natalia and Vladimir Brintsalov, the millionaire businessman and presidential hopeful, with their children: Natalia boasted of his sexual prowess

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## FAMILY LIFE

## Personally speaking

## Why we have to treasure our family life

No sooner does the Leader of the Opposition "admit" he has occasionally smacked his children than pundits immediately wonder if this heralds the end of civilised family life, as Claire Rayner has come to define it, or (on the other hand) a sensible return to basics.

There are protests from people who defend the rights of the child at all cost, yet fail to define as one of those rights the protection of children from themselves and their peers. Fuss, fuss, fuss. Of course, all Mr Blair's shocking confession did was to remind us that most sensible parents sometimes sensibly chastise their naughty offspring, as a part of normal domestic life.

Why, the only difference between me and Tony Blair is that I feel not a shred of "remorse", and I would call myself a good parent and a family person, just like him. But what does that mean? An invaluable American book of themed quotations, published in 1977, introduces "Family" thus:

"The institution of the family is inseparable from the marriage rite and all that it entails: the relation of husband and wife results from marriage and is fundamental to the institution of the family; the parental care and direction of children, as well as filial respect and obedience, are aspects of domestic government."

Outdated platitudes, or nuggets of wisdom? Despite the narrowness, the key words are there to be extracted: "rite", "entails", "institution", "respect", "obedience", "care", "direction" and "government". Solemn terms, yet you cannot separate any discussion of family (however you define it) from an acknowledgement of the sober responsibilities inherent within such language. Nothing changes that.

Communism sought to destroy the ideal of the family, like the idea of God — and failed on both counts. Families ran to each other when the Berlin Wall came down.

Like it or not, the family is the bedrock. Aristotle described the tribe or village growing out of an association of families. Rousseau held the traditional human family to be "the most ancient of all societies and the only one which is natural". Freud said of the

## COMPANIONSHIP AND CONTINUITY



Bel Mooney with daughter, Kitty. "I believe in the family"

family that "philosophers and politicians have agreed that the bonding together in family groups is both instinctive and necessary to human welfare — and therefore essential to the health of a society. The family is the microcosm".

Until, perhaps, our lifetime. In 1982, Pope John Paul made his first visit to this country and attempted to raise a bulwark against chaos: "Treasure your families," he said, "the future of humanity passes by way of the family."

Once again, there was protest from the liberal Left, just as in the Sixties. Then, fashionable gurus — such as R.D. Laing identified family life with mental breakdown. At the same time, right-wing political rhetoric invoked a golden age of "Victorian values" — as if the stiffness, hypocrisy and squalor of Victorian family life was a novelist's invention.

I remember meditating on the precept, "Treasure your families", and wanting it to be possible — as you might want to hold still a dandelion clock in a gale. But all the little seeds whirled in the air, each one representing real people I had written about: families in towering estates; Asian and Rastafarian families; families with servants in stately homes; violent families; bereaved families; criminal families; quiet, caring, shy families... so you ran about helplessly, chasing meaning. Yet still believing.

I suppose it is time to state my interest here. I like family life, therefore I believe in the family, for all its problems of definition. I invoke a cosy Fifties image of Mum and Dad and two kids in clean clothes, sitting in their neat flat having sausage, peas and chips at a clean kitchen table, before the homework and the knitting, with the polished Ford Popular outside — and I won't have it mocked, dammit, because it is a picture of my childhood. Without complacency, I "admit" I had a good family life (with all the ordinary problems) and married somebody also from a secure

The family, we are told, is in crisis. But this week in The Times top writers talk frankly about the ups and downs of family life and conclude there is also much to celebrate

simply because your partner worries... then what you are doing is celebrating family life. At its heart is a giving, a willingness to put self last. At its centre is neither marriage nor gender, but rules — accepting a long-term duty which will not always be easy.

So yes, we do treasure the family... and why? To keep the dark at bay. To feel as you grow old this person (or people) you love will still be there, accepting you and gladly receiving all you have left to give. When I was in my twenties I understood Bathsheba in *Far From the Madding Crowd*, when she rejected the proposal of Gabriel Oak: "And home by the fire, whenever you look up, there I shall be — and whenever I look up, there will be you." Sergeant Troy, free and irresponsible, seemed much more active.

But now Gabriel Oak's need is my need, and I find myself surprised at how its realism actually unites morality with — yes — romance. It is that need that draws us to nest in rows, separated by thin walls, hoping to be tolerated and loved forever — and to go on reproducing ourselves in family patterns, handing on some misery (perhaps), but untold happiness too.

BEL MOONEY



Echoes of a simpler age: for many thousands of children growing up in the Fifties, life was cosier and more secure

## A story with a happy ending

## THE IMPORTANCE OF TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN



A cunning pupil could easily remove himself from school with a trail of vague messages

from school without companions to play laser battle games, and falls into a state of fear and depression so extreme that he eventually gets off a train, at night and alone, and runs away through bleak Norfolk lanes. Because of a

temporary recent estrangement between the parents, his absence is not reported for 24 hours. In the resulting horror and panic, Alice tries to help the police.

There were questions about adult friends, male adult friends, confidants. Alice, however, realising with a shock how little she knew of his life compared to the total knowledge she would have had two or three years earlier. She had not realised how Jamie's occupations had

broadened, moved away from her with his move into secondary school. She had not seen how much of his time was his own. Until she went to the kitchen drawer to check, she could not remember the name of the Scout leader who had taken him to camp.

"She could not remember whether it was LaserQuest or BattleZone that he favoured. She became aware of sounding like a woman who knew little about her child and cared less, at least until a crisis broke. She felt herself identified by these questioners with some feckless dragged mother in a news story, swearing that her boy never done nothing like mug an old lady... but children these days, she wanted to cry out, their lives are their own, this is London..."

Could it happen? Could decent parents take their eye off the ball so disastrously? Unwilling to wring the reader's withers with too improbable a melodrama, I engaged in much conversational research. Unequivocally, especially from big-city parents, the answer came back that yes, they could, easily. Secondary teachers confirmed that a cunning second or third-year pupil could easily

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Linklater on living through his son's mental torment; Libby Purves on staying in touch

# A zebra among the horses

## THE TROUBLED SON

Occasionally you read a book with a shock of recognition. Kay Jamison's *An Unquiet Mind*, subtitled "A memoir of moods and madness", is an account of the author's manic depressive illness, a painful description of the unwarmed she has fought since she was a teenager against this most unforgiving of afflictions.

It is a war that has been part of our family life, too, for the past ten years: our middle son, Saul, was diagnosed at the age of 15 as suffering from manic depression and he has been grappling with it ever since. He is now 25.

No one who has lived with the rollercoaster experience of a disorder that affects one in a hundred people, but is still barely half-understood by the medical profession, can fail to be moved by Dr Jamison's story. It has attracted rave reviews — Anthony Clare compared it to R.D. Laing's classic work *The Divided Self* — not just because it is unflinchingly honest, but because the writer herself is a clinical psychologist: she is, at the same time, expert and victim.

For me, the book carried the extra ingredient of familiarity. Dr Jamison described how, as a senior in high school, she began to go "high", to taste for the first time the elation and terror that go with the manic stage of the illness, before plunging into the abyss when, with a dead heart and a brain as cold as clay, she became depressive, barely able to function.

I knew what she meant. Like her, Saul was a star pupil at school; he tried everything, succeeded at most, played games, acted, painted and sculpted, made friends as a duck takes to water and lived to the full. Like her he was struck down, out of the blue, when he was a teenager (though two years younger than her when it happened).

With him the depression came first: we watched him one half-term, struggling with a school project, gradually slowing down to the point where the pen would no longer move across the paper and the body froze into immobility. We sat with him through long tearful nights until the mood swung upwards, and inaction was replaced by hyperactivity.

Just as Dr Jamison talked of "riding about like a crazed vessel", so Saul was suddenly on the move, impatient and irritable, elated and agitated at the same time, ranging



In Saul Linklater's manic phases, says his father Magnus, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication, and electro-convulsive therapy has frequently been a lifesaver

through the streets, playing music at impossible volumes, finally disappearing late one evening, we knew not where. Eventually, in the middle of the night, the telephone rang and we collected him from the police station at King's Cross, north London, after what was euphemistically called "a disturbance" involving a broken window and a string of abuse. It was the first of many such encounters.

Thus began Saul's long journey through what Dr Jamison calls "the fascinating and dangerous territory" of manic depression. We had, and still have, no means of knowing its cause. The phrase "chemical imbalance" cropped up frequently; we learnt that it had to do with some chromosomal flaw; it has a genetic component.

We searched back in our family

histories to find relatives who might also have suffered from the illness and discovered an aunt who had been treated by the pioneer psychiatrist William Sargant, as well as a grandmother who, it seems, was periodically taken into hospital suffering from "turns", and a second cousin with the same symptoms. In Dr Jamison's case it turned out to be her father, whom she had idolised but who had fallen victim to violent mood-swings from heights of creativity to depths of rage and despair.

To begin with, finding the right treatment for Saul seemed a matter of trial and error — to an extent it still does. Unlike Dr Jamison, who found a combination of lithium and psychotherapy was enough to control her wilder flights of behaviour, Saul has needed more. In the manic

phase, his body absorbs heavy doses of medication — antidepressants and mood-stabilising drugs in addition to lithium. Occasionally he has needed electro-convulsive therapy, a much-criticised treatment which in his case has frequently been a lifesaver.

Conventional therapy has rarely helped: when high, he is too impatient to accept it; when depressed it cannot reach him. Tobacco has become a way of life. Never have I seen so many cigarettes smoked as in the wards of the mental hospitals we have come to know: without them life for most of the patients would be unimaginable.

Saul himself has learnt to recognise almost as well as any doctor the different phases of his own

illness, and to predict the shifts in mood which signal the onset of one extreme or the other. But that has not always been enough to prevent their onset. Like Dr Jamison, he has grown to dread the depressive stage far more than the manic.

For the rest of us, it can be the other way round. To live with someone who is experiencing the intensity and drive of hypermania is an exhausting experience. At these times, Saul needs little sleep, lots of company and maximum stimulation. Attention span is minimal, money is spent like water. Dr Jamison recalls episodes when she went round shops going through credit cards and bank balances as if there were no tomorrow, and Saul, too, buys on impulse whether or not there is money to be spent.

Throughout the many years of

peaks and troughs, and despite the heavy medication, Saul has never lost his essential charm and natural wit. But behaviour which to him seems merely routine can strike the rest of the world as extravagant and, frequently, dangerous.

As Dr Jamison describes it: "The fast ideas are too fast, and there are far too many; overwhelming confusion replaces clarity. Memory goes. Humour and absorption on friends' faces are replaced by fear and concern... you are irritable, angry, frightened, uncontrollable and enmeshed totally in the blackest caves of the mind." Saul puts it more succinctly: "It is mental torment, hell on earth."

He would find it hard to agree with what is perhaps Kay Jamison's most unexpected conclusion — that given the choice

between a conventional life and a life with manic depression, she would choose the latter. Provided she had access to lithium she would opt for the heights and depths of emotion she has experienced rather than the humdrum of what the rest of us call a normal existence. "I have run faster, thought faster, and loved faster than most I know," she writes. "And I think much of that is related to my illness... It has made me test the limits of my mind."

Saul puts it differently: "Manic depression is a terrible illness that takes over and changes your life. It means pain and hell. You experience things that you would rather not experience at all. Looking back, it's certainly true that you gain insights which you would never otherwise have gained. But offered the choice, I would have preferred to do without them. I would opt for

**'I have come to realise that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality'**

a normal life nine times out of ten."

As for me, I have come to realise at least one important thing: that manic depression is only a high-pitched version of what the rest of us call normality. It is no good asking — as we did so often to begin with — what happened to the "real" Saul, what he might have been like without the illness, whether it has smothered his personality, or exaggerated it beyond recognition. The real Saul is here and now. Nothing that drugs or ECT or incarceration in hospital can do has extinguished the true personality underneath.

In some ways the son we have come to know and love is, as Kay Jamison puts it, "a zebra among the horses", a remarkable and admirable young man who has been through more, suffered more than most of us will ever do in a lifetime. And yet who has survived, incredibly, to be a delight to us, and a source of endless pride.

● *An Unquiet Mind* by Kay Jamison, Picador, £15.99.

MAGNUS LINKLATER

## ...but reality is harder

register in the morning and attend a couple of classes before removing himself with a trail of vague and misleading messages through class-mates about music exams or dental appointments. He would not be too strenuously pursued.

Parents were (Jack Straw will be glad to hear) adamant that 12-year-olds should not be out in the evening alone, but were far more vague about the daytime. One said frankly: "You spend the first 11 years driving them everywhere and organising their judo classes and guarding them from perverts lurking round every corner. So when they start to look big and competent, you sort of want your life back."

Also, she added hastily, it is good for children to have some independence. And so it is. But Jamie could have built himself a whole world of acquaintances during those lost days, down at the laser-game centres with the unemployed and disaffected young men who play there. Frankly, it was only my soft heart and romantic imagination which let him run away into the comparative safety of Norfolk, and indeed find the whole family's salvation there. It could have ended up as a very nasty tale indeed.

In the last analysis, though, what came out of all these anguished parental conversations was that the real mistake Alice and Daniel made was not that they failed to police every moment of their growing adolescent's daily world. For heaven's sake, who could?

Their real mistake was in allowing themselves to lose touch with his inner life. If you have a child who manifests unhappiness not by disruption, but by a bland apathetic docility, this is easy enough to do. Dangerous, though. "The safety of young teenagers," said one father,



Jamie "gets off a train, at night and alone, and runs away"

who is also a psychiatrist, "lies every bit as much in how they feel as in where they go. A happy, confident, well supported child is actually in far less danger — from drugs, drink, crime, seduction, everything except violence, which is much rarer. Even violence is something a well supported child is more likely to see

coming and be sensible about."

That family confidence, however, depends not on formal "quality time" interviews but in a constant, snappy flow of remarks and conversations. As school runs decrease and children get around independently, the opportunities for these chance moments of

enlightenment become fewer. Parents have to make a conscious effort to keep up a friendship with their children. Other things easily get in the way. My protagonists are getting over a painful infidelity as well as having job problems, but it need not take anything so extreme.

One single woman told me that she had lost touch with her 13-year-old daughter's feelings while she was engaged in an industrial tribunal battle. "There was just never time, and I was too stressed out to want to listen to all her stuff about schoolfriends."

Parents do not always remember to update children on their own news, either. My Alice gets a job offer and is overheard by her son chatting animatedly on the phone about "the new life". She has not discussed any of it with him. He feels like a helpless pawn and despair.

Terrifying, blood-curdling stuff. Thinking it through and writing it. I had to keep getting up and wandering round the house to find the children. I was only too pleased to finish with that bit and soporily reassure the reader that Jamie fell on his feet all right.

In the gloomier world of journalism, if you told a story like his it would be because the end was something terrible. Thank God for the freedom of fiction.

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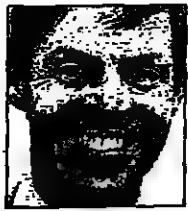








## Matthew Parris



■ Learning to screen out many of the things that others are grinding on about is a vital skill

There is something called Eurosport 96, or something. It probably involves football because there is a football in the logo. I have the impression Eurosport 96 is happening here but it may well be elsewhere too. Eurosport 96, whatever it is, starts soon, or may have started already. I think it goes on for some time but have no idea for how long.

And that — cross my heart and hope to die — is all I know about Eurosport 96, if this is indeed its correct name. Among the things I do not know is whether in Britain it is happening; whether it is only football; whether teams are playing; whether it is professional or amateur, or anything to do with the Olympics, or the European Union; and who or what is behind the whole thing.

And I tell you this not as a boast — it is not clever to be ignorant about sport — nor as a confession. Nor is it a prelude to a complaint. I did hear some rather uppity people on the *Today* programme on Radio 4 bemoaning the attention given to Eurosport 96, and said they would have to take a holiday to avoid it. But that is a class thing; you don't hear *Today* complaining about Test match coverage. Why should people think that just because they are indifferent to something, those who are not should be starved of news about it? My indifference to Eurosport 96 is prodigious but nobody is forcing me to follow it.

Indeed, I think I have just proved as much. Despite a vague impression that teams of print and hours of broadcasting have already been devoted to this thing, I remain in a state of profound and tranquil unknowingness about it. I haven't been bothered in the least by the coverage. It has not impinged, and will not.

I sketch for you this outline of the black hole of one man's ignorance about Eurosport 96 as an illustration of a human capacity as awesome and life-enhancing as it is little-noticed: the capacity to screen things out. It is almost unbelievable how efficiently *Homo sapiens* can exclude from his notice whole swathes of external stimuli which he does not wish to intrude upon his consciousness.

Our expressions for this talent are often disparaging. "In one ear and out the other"; "like talking to a brick wall". Yet the child who has learnt to screen out the order and dates of the succession of the Kings and Queens of England has learnt a more useful lesson than the one he has missed, for if he is to live at all, he must learn — and quickly — how to ignore perhaps 99 per cent of all that will be passing before his eyes and into his ears in the future.

Some of what I missed may have mattered, but it gave me space to think

which were good because they meant school holidays. Almost the whole of school, except reading, and nature studies, particularly anything to do with tadpoles. Frank Sinatra. The Algerian War. Crooning. Girls. Hollywood. The whole of the Vietnam War. Sport. High society, everything in which women wear hats, royalty, and anything that might appear on the Court and Social page of *The Times*. The Church of England. Disco music. The Beatles. Watergate. Fashion. Heavy metal. The City. Insurance. Rap. Lloyd's. Hostages. Aids. The National Trust. The National Health Service. The National Lottery and everything connected with it, except Mystic Meg. Famine relief. Stalkers. Supermodels. Eurosport 96.

Some of these things mattered: some still do; others (in my view) do not. I do not endorse the principle of selection that my own guard-on-duty has applied to the external world. I simply report it.

Mrs Blake once said of her husband and constant companion, William: "I have very little of Mr Blake's company; he is always in paradise." Jane Austen is said to have written much of her work in one corner of a busy room, with family life going on all around her. It is miraculous what she did not. So give *Eurosport*! I say. Fill the airwaves with it. Fill *The Times* with it. Fill the times with it. I do not need to go on holiday. I already am.

If the BBC tries to compete in the digital age, it will lose the licence fee and be privatised

## Birt's gamble on a commercial BBC

Two announcements on Friday have put the privatisation of the BBC on the national agenda. Quite soon, possibly in the next Parliament, the Government may have to decide whether to allow the BBC to merge with a commercial partner to become part of a major world communications company. The niche concept of a specially favoured national provider of broadcasting might still have been viable, but the restructuring announced by the BBC has decided against it.

The first, and perhaps the most important, announcement was the £670 million deal in which BSkyB bought another four years of the FA Premier League. The BBC was not even the under-bidder, but made a £73 million deal to preserve *Match of the Day*. The under-bidder was another commercial partner, the Mirror Group and Carlton Communications, who came close to matching the Sky offer.

The BBC has a licence fee income of about £1.8 billion a year. The Sky deal with the Premier League is therefore the equivalent of an annual payment of a little less than 10 per cent of the licence fee. That is the competitive position which already exists between the BBC and satellite television. Over the next ten years, the digital revolution in broadcasting will have an even greater impact on competition. Last month John Birt published his plan for digital broadcasting, including a number of new series and a 24-hour television news channel which will compete with Sky News and CNN.

John Birt has responded to the changes he foresees in the broadcasting market by scrapping the old structure of the BBC — the division between television and radio, the relative autonomy of the World Service and the regions. He is creating six new divisions, including two very large ones, BBC Broadcast and BBC Production. There will be a separate

division for news, BBC Broadcast, under Will Wyatt, will commission programmes for the television and radio channels, for the regional services and for the proposed new subscription channels. It will have a budget of about £1 billion a year. BBC Production will be responsible for making the programmes.

The critics will concentrate on the losses, and they have a strong case. When Marmaduke Hussey ceased to be chairman at the end of March, he left to his successor the decision whether to take the high road or the low road. The high road was to reappoint John Birt, reconstruct the corporation, and aim to be fully competitive in the digital age. The low road was to let John Birt go, concentrate on the BBC's traditional areas of strength, accept a more limited function and leave the central broadcasting marketplace to the bigger and wealthier competitors.

The low road meant that the BBC would cease to have pretensions to be the main broadcasting supplier, but would remain dominant in regional broadcasting. In serious radio, including the World Service, in mid-market television and as the national voice in broadcasting. This BBC would have had a declining share of the total market, but would have remained the market leader in its own area. In newspaper marketing terms that is something like the *Daily Mail* option, aiming to be the strong mid-market leader, but not trying to dominate the mass market. In finan-

cial terms it would have meant continuing reliance on the licence fee, with its particular strengths and limitations. Although he saw the big decision as one for his successor, Marmaduke Hussey broadly favoured the low road.

The new chairman, Sir Christopher Bland, only two months into the job, has decided to take the high road. He has given John Birt his head, reappointing him for four years and letting him complete the second stage of the Birt revolution. This puts at

board, and it centralises power inside the BBC.

I have much sympathy with the objectives of the high road: most of us would like to see the BBC a major broadcasting competitor in the digital world of the 21st century. But the logical implications of the high road have to be faced. The BBC will need to become a commercial institution in an extraordinarily short period of time.

In my period as deputy chairman, from 1981 to 1986, we tried to shift the BBC towards greater enterprise, and gained only a few hundred yards through the mud. Duke Hussey and John Birt have undoubtedly made much more progress than we did, but the BBC is still essentially an institution which gains its income not from the market but from the State. So long as it has the licence fee, how could it be otherwise? The new strategy requires a cultural revolution in the BBC that may not be possible in the time available. In any case the virtues of the old BBC may turn out to be incompatible with the new enterprise culture.

The new strategy also requires money. I accept that there still may be surplus staff in the BBC, including some of the Birtian managers themselves. I do not believe that redundancies on their own can begin to finance the digital revolution. To fulfil John Birt's vision, the BBC will need far more money than the licence fee, as it limps towards the £2 billion mark, can possibly provide. It is, I would

William Rees-Mogg

risk the BBC's traditional strengths in order to enable the corporation to compete in the digital age. Symbolically, there will no longer be any broadcasts from Broadcasting House. The reconstruction downgrades the position of radio in the BBC hierarchy. It will end the independence of the excellent English-language programme-making of the World Service. It aims at making large savings in the traditional management structure to help to finance the entry into the digital age. It envisages that the BBC will still be a major competitor in the next broadcasting era, right across the

guess, a £5 billion vision on a £2 billion revenue. The plan must be to fill the gap with co-production, subscription and pay-per-view revenue. Yet this threatens the licence fee itself. If the BBC neglects its traditional roles, particularly in the regions and radio, and charges market prices for some of its most attractive services, the licence fee will no longer have public support.

The Birt vision also leads naturally to the need for a merger. Even if the revenue problem can be solved — and I do not think it can — the new BBC will remain internationally competitive only if it is of international size. As both were in the public sector as recently as 1980, a merger between the BBC and BT looks a politically attractive way of achieving this — but that means privatisation of the BBC, which the Government which privatised the BBC could continue to offer a tapering licence fee, but that could only be an interim measure. The BBC towards which the second stage of John Birt's revolution is moving could well end up as part of a large merged British communications company, without the licence fee, and wholly in the private sector.

It all seems an extraordinary gamble. It is a gamble on the BBC developing an enterprise culture at full gallop. It is a gamble on the public accepting the loss of emphasis on traditional strengths of the old BBC. It is a gamble on the new structure making the savings expected of it. It is a gamble on editorial morale, particularly in radio, the regions and the World Service. It is an enormous financial gamble. It is a gamble on the future of the licence fee. It is a gamble on world competition without world size. It is a gamble with the whole future of the BBC. I suspect John Birt's gamble will in fact bring to an end the BBC as we have known it. What follows may be better, may be worse, but will be very, very different.

## Tending the party roots

Will new Labour's new members stay loyal, asks Peter Riddell



Party politics has become a fringe activity. Only about two in a hundred adults are members of the main parties — many fewer than read *The Times* or belong to leading groups for protection of birds and the countryside. Yet most politicians are not worried. They are content to point to continuing high turnout at elections and to the small support for fringe parties. But low membership has undermined the legitimacy of parties and turned them into electoral machines dominated by the ambitious.

Membership has been falling for a long time. But the decline has been sharper, and the level is lower in Britain than in other leading democracies. Forty years ago, 13 per cent of registered electors were in one of the main parties. In the mid-1960s, it was still 9½ per cent. The current level of just over 2 per cent is far lower than across most of Europe. Tory membership is down from a peak of 2½ million in the 1950s to a little over 750,000 (though even this may be on the high side since officials were talking only a few years ago about a total of no more than 500,000).

The Tory and Labour parties have become socially isolated. Until the 1960s, it was normal for middle-class professionals and businessmen, and their wives, to be active in both the social and the political side of their local Tory associations, just as many Labour parties were based on working men's clubs and union branches. The political and social were linked. They no longer are. Increased affluence and the break-up of old communities have created many more leisure opportunities.

Robert Putnam, a leading American political scientist, argues that this trend is part of a much broader civic disengagement from clubs and other group activities. This is symbolised by the contrast between the sharp decline in organised ten-pin bowling and the rise in individual bowling. His views have been challenged by those who say there has not been a decline in joining, but rather, a shift from old, collective workplace groups and social clubs to sports and single-issue bodies. In Britain, while membership of parties, trade unions and such bodies as the British Legion and the Mothers' Union has dropped, many people have joined environmental and civic bodies, as well as pressure groups.

According to Jeremy Richardson, a

British political scientist, citizens now behave as consumers, and parties have lost out in the past 30 years in a growing market for political activism. Parties are being challenged by local cause and protest groups which may offer greater satisfaction than the parties, in which members' influence is often small and indirect.

The parties now raise more of their money by direct mail, which does not require local canvassers, and campaigning is increasingly conducted through the major, centralised media. Critics such as the Demos think-tank argue that parties represent traditional, centralised hierarchies, which are being undermined

by a more fragmented structure of networks of companies, voluntary bodies and pressure groups outside Parliament.

But parties remain essential in any representative system, providing coherence for decision-making and recruiting political leaders. With declining memberships comes the risk that parties may be taken over by small, unrepresentative factions. Admittedly, British parties have always been dominated by their elites rather than their mass memberships, but increasingly they are separate from local communities, and consist of political entrepreneurs seeking office.

Moreover, there is firm evidence that higher levels of local membership and activism do improve a party's local performance in elec-

tions. In the 1992 election, Labour's successful efforts in key marginals helped to ensure that the Tories' overall majority was 21, rather than the 71 suggested by the national share of the vote. Ironically, government controls on local government may have discouraged people from becoming active in local Tory parties and standing as councillors. Local management of schools and similar moves in other public services to shift control from local political appointees to parents and others have reduced incentives to become involved in constituency parties. The intriguing question is how far this picture has really been changed by the 50 per cent increase in Labour membership in the past three years to 576,000. This is, of course, a rise from a historically low base, and reflects the Blair effect. But unlike the Tories, Labour now has a national membership system which makes it easier to target appeals and to produce a high annual renewal rate of 85 per cent.

However, Labour has had to make itself more attractive, both socially and politically, with not just lengthy meetings but also wine and cheese parties. The crucial ingredient, though, is the increased political involvement of these members via ballots, not only in the election of the leader and selection of candidates, but also on key policy issues. The overwhelming support for the change to Clause Four last year will be followed this autumn by the ballot on the draft manifesto, due to be published this month. Traditionalists are wary of creating a plebiscitary system of democracy which favours the leadership, but this has been crucial to Tony Blair's success. The real test will be whether membership increases if Labour gains power. Are the new members loyal?

There are immediate lessons for the Tories. They need new members, not just to provide money but to revitalise the party. To attract them, the Tories will have to offer a real say in the running of the party and over policy. The Tories are operating in a competitive market for activism and can no longer count on brand loyalty, among voters or potential members.

## Ticket trauma

THE HOTTEST opera ticket of the year may be about to plummet in value. Roberto Alagna, the "difficult" young tenor hailed as the new Pavarotti and due to open in Verdi's *Don Carlos* at the Royal Opera House tomorrow, has gone AWOL.

Alagna's non-appearance at rehearsals last week alarmed Covent Garden, which is charging £125 for the best seats. The production's conductor, Bernard Haitink, is said to be furious. Some months back, Alagna was prevented from quitting the production only after diplomatic overtures from the director, Luc Bondy, and he has now been allowed to drop out of the final two performances.

Some critics have questioned the wisdom of allowing him to tackle the demanding role of Don Carlos at this stage of his career. "It may be that Alagna himself is now wondering if it is a good idea," says one House insider.

The handsome 33-year-old son of a Sicilian bricklayer has been labelled both "the fourth tenor" and "Mr Difficult". He is said to have infuriated Jonathan Miller, who directed him in *La Bohème* at the Opéra Bastille this year, when

he was apparently uncooperative. The tenor is understood to be in London, but he had not been seen by Friday morning. The House was closed yesterday, and whether or not he slipped in for a last-minute rehearsal over the weekend was unclear. Much is riding on his turning in a superb performance. Aside from *Don Carlos*, he is booked to star at the House next month in *La Traviata* with the Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu — by chance his new wife.



Missing tenor: Alagna

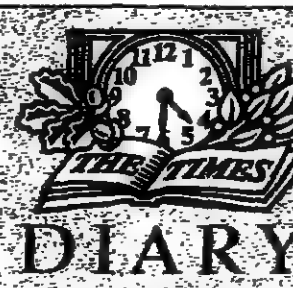
● An insight into the clown prince of football, Paul Gascoigne, came from Gary Mabbutt, his former team-mate at Tottenham Hotspur, over lunch at Wembley before Saturday's feeble England performance. When Gascoigne first arrived at Spurs, some years ago, he was given the number 8 shirt and teased by team-mates that the number indicated his IQ. Unusually for Gascoigne he did not respond to the gibes. "Then he went up to Gary Lineker in the car park," recalls Mabbutt, "and asked him what IQ meant."

## Him again

A FOOTNOTE must be added to the bloody annals of Derek Hatton's expulsion from the Labour Party. The role of Roy Hattersley's mother has been neglected.

The other day, recording an edition of the Radio 4 parliamentary quiz-show *Out of Order*, Hattersley struggled to identify the voice of Hatton, despite numerous clues.

"I had completely blocked that voice out of my mind," he tells me, explaining that the man he helped to expel from the party had long been a family bogeyman. Back in the depths of the 1970s or early 80s (it gets pretty murky here) when his mother was a Sheffield councillor, Hatton was employed as a social



worker. "But when she discovered that he wasn't social-working but evangelising for Trotskyism she got him sacked. So we Hattersleys got him twice."

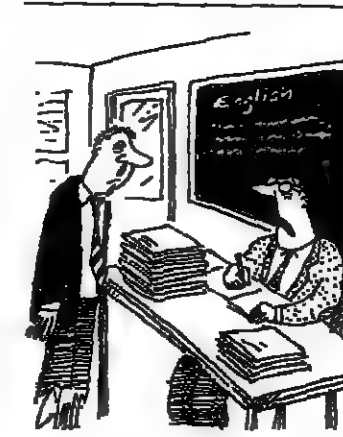
## Bard moves

THE NATION'S bards are limbering up to give the summer of sport some rhythm. A "Poetry Olympics" is to be held at the Albert Hall next month. Michael Horowitz intends to present a "different spirit" to that of the zealously competitive modern Olympics. He has booked an interesting bunch of starza-bursters, from established sorts such as James Fenton, Paul Durcan and the unofficial southern Irish laureate Brendan Kennelly, to pop stars Danson Albarn, Paul Smith, and Ray Davies of the Kinks. The dressing rooms will also reverberate to

Ian Dury, Heathcote Williams and Adrian Mitchell. But Horowitz's melancholy figure, says from experience that he will lose money even if he attracts a full house. He is surviving on three hours' sleep and baked beans.

## Cheers!

SOMEBODY wants to keep us in the dark about the drinking habits of the redoubtable Baroness Trumpington. Last week her Ladyship was winding up for the Government in the second reading of



"I need to talk to you about streaming"

the Treasury Bill in the Lords. Her voice fading a little, she swigged from a tumbler of water, then raised it and declared: "I wish it was gin." to guffaws from peers. Mysteriously however, the remark is missing from Hansard, the official record of parliamentary proceedings. Is the Upper House a more cheerful place than somebody cares we should know?

## Dutch courage

GRAHAM TAYLOR may have thought that his trouble with the Dutch was over, but now, in his job as a Euro 96 summariser for the television station Eurosport, he must once again face his nemesis.

Taylor's previous running commentary on an England-Holland match came from the touchline during the fateful qualifier for the last World Cup. Recorded by Channel 4, it included 36 uses of the "F" word and his pathetic, repeated bleating of "Do I not like that". Eurosport, however, is "99 per cent certain that he will be commenting on the game".

## Bye, baby

THE NATION has lost Countess Sokolova to the Costa del Sol. The former Bienvenida Buck says she



Bienvenida: off to Spain

has quit London for good to settle in Marbella where, forswearing men, she has surrounded herself with puppies and kittens. "Men are like toys. You need them sometimes. But now I protect animals and have discovered that they give me the kind of love that men have never given me," explains the peroxide-tressed Carmen.

But males are not the only reason for her going, she tells the Spanish magazine *Lecturas*. Quite simply: "The English don't deserve me."

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## HOUR OF TRUTH

Britain should stand and fight for the right sort of Europe

The job of Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, is to resolve conflicts, propose solutions and maintain the European Union machinery in smooth working order. None of these objectives will have been served by his outburst in an interview yesterday, suggesting that Britain's "hour of truth" in Europe was approaching. Instead, he has intensified a debate on Europe whose outcome is increasingly unlikely to suit either his own view, or that of his federalist backers in Germany and France.

Mr Santer acknowledged, while carefully not conceding to such sentiments himself, that some Europeans were questioning if the EU might be better off without Britain. He strongly criticised the Government's policy of non-cooperation aimed at lifting the beef ban. And he put the blame on Britain for the crisis. "The problem," he said, "can only be solved by measures taken in the UK."

If that were so, the problem might have been solved already. The problem of consumer confidence can be solved only when our European partners agree that the measures taken in the UK are sufficient to justify lifting the ban. Mr Santer should be the first to appreciate that the beef market all over Europe will recover only when the ban is lifted. But more important for him, until the ban is lifted, the debate on Britain's membership of the EU is likely to become more rancorous.

Only recently has the taboo been broken in Britain allowing significant figures to question EU membership. Now its counterpart abroad, the questioning of the merits for the EU of Britain remaining a member, has been breached. We are happy that a debate on the benefits of British membership should take place. The truth is clear enough to us.

It is important both for Britain and for Europe that this country should remain a

member, in order to help to craft the kind of Union that will best ensure prosperity and peace on our shared continent. Britain's case for a free-trading Europe of sovereign states, articulated by its politicians, has strong support among many of the peoples of other European countries. Britain would be failing not only its own voters, but other countries' too, if it ceased to articulate and fight for an intelligent vision for the Union that is different from that of Mr Santer.

It is in this spirit that Bill Cash, Tory MP for Stafford, will introduce a ten-minute rule Bill to the Commons tomorrow. He proposes that a referendum should be put to the voters asking the following question: "Do you want the United Kingdom to propose and insist on irreversible changes in the Treaty on European Union, so that the UK retains its powers of government and is not part of a federal Europe nor part of a European monetary union, including a single currency?" His purpose is to send a British government, of whichever hue, into the intergovernmental conference (IGC) with a mandate from the electorate against all federalising measures, including EMU, and in favour of a review of a Maastricht Treaty.

The Bill may be flawed. It is arguable whether the question couched could reasonably be put to the public. But MPs tomorrow do not have to worry about that. Mr Cash's Bill is extremely unlikely to become law. Strong support for it, however, would remind the Government that Parliament wants a firmer stance in the IGC than it is currently likely to get. Such a stance would be not just in Britain's but all Europe's interest. If the whole of Europe will be ill-served by a single currency artificially trying to hold economies together, then John Major should want to say so at the IGC. A vote for the Referendum Bill tomorrow is a way of sending both him and Mr Santer that firm message.

## MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM

Business must not allow the Greenwich Exhibition to fail

Time is to be the theme of the proposed Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich but, owing to delay and dither, time is perilously short to make the event the success it should be. It would be an immense missed opportunity if the exhibition failed.

The Millennium Exhibition was conceived as an inspirational flourish for a Government 13 years in power and anxious to appear still creative. But its short life has been an unhappy one. London was always the obvious city for the Exhibition, and Greenwich, home of the time signal, the best site. But, instead of choosing the site quickly, the Government insisted on a competition which wasted time, created resentment among losing cities and required a clumsy intervention at the end to rescue Greenwich from its own faulty campaign.

The squandered months are the most obvious symptom of a broader lack of leadership. The inspirations for the Millennium Exhibition were the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain of 1951. Both were celebrations of material progress which lauded industry and artistry. Both were successes because of imperious but committed individuals. Prince Albert made the 1851 Exhibition a triumph and the 1951 Festival was driven by Labour's Deputy Prime Minister, Herbert Morrison.

Now, the intervention of another Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, seems to have produced a chance that the Millennium Exhibition may yet be a success. He has gone some significant way towards encouraging reluctant business to contribute the £150 million needed from the private sector for the exhibition. In the past week Mr Heseltine has, apparently, secured the

support of major companies such as British Airways, British Aerospace and BP.

But significant as that support is, it is not enough. More money, and a clearer vision are required. Business is understandably wary about involvement in a project which has not, until very recently, had about it the necessary sense of purpose. It would, however, be tragic if this initiative were to falter because British business were not to rise to the challenge. Support for the project would yield no instant profit but a successful exhibition would be not only a superb marketing opportunity for all British business but a sign of faith in the UK.

The exhibition may have been handed to London, and it will have to depend on big business, but it should still be the property of the whole kingdom. That will require political weight being brought to bear where hitherto there has been too little.

The Government should try to involve all four nations of the UK in a celebration of harmony and diversity. It should recognise that the future rests increasingly with smaller businesses and ensure that they have a place. It should complement the commercial with the creative. And it should temper the message of growth and optimism with a concern for renewal and environmental improvement. The exhibition will need a modern Capability Brown to transform the site and a chief executive who is a business Bonaparte to make it work.

There is much for Government and the private sector to do. Unless the leadership required is shown now then all these bright hopes for a confident start to the next millennium will be replaced by a sense of frustration at another opportunity fumbled.

## GRAVE QUESTIONS

Faith and science are in conflict in Israel

A sweeping demand by fundamentalist Orthodox rabbis for an immediate halt to the excavation of all gravesites that may contain Jewish bones has caused uproar in Israel and thrown Benjamin Netanyahu's attempts to form a new Likud-led coalition into turmoil. The three religious parties, who hold the balance of power, are using their new strength to force through one of the most controversial demands of the religious Right, a change in the Antiquities Law to prevent any activity that might desecrate Jewish burial sites. Archaeologists are appalled. They say that the demands could close the door on one of the world's richest treasure-houses of knowledge.

Few sciences arouse as much passion in Israel as archaeology. Almost every Israeli is an amateur excavator. The science is an amateur's pride and global reputation. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has one of the most renowned archaeology schools, building on a reputation, like the equally distinguished British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem, that stretches back to the days of the British mandate.

At present scholars are working in more than 300 sites, and by law no new building development can go ahead without an initial archaeological investigation. The Holy Land is one of the oldest continuously inhabited parts of the world, whose rocky landscape and dry climate has preserved layer upon layer of cultures, peoples and civilisations. In recent years the finds have been spectacular. The mountain fortress of Ma-

sada has yielded dramatic evidence. The tombs of David and Caiaphas, the palaces of Herod and Solomon, the altar of Moses, the site where Bar Kochba raised his revolt and the presumed tomb for the Golden Calve have all had the dust of myth and the earth of history removed from them to reveal mysteries and glories.

But other passions beside the zeal of scholarship surround archaeology in Israel. The search for Jewish identity and the attempt to prove, in ancient stones and buildings, Jewish claims to historic Palestine have made the science another flashpoint in relations with the Arabs. The excavations on the Temple Mount have caused outrage among Muslims. Christians have been bemused by some of the wilder recent claims to have found the tomb of Jesus or the site of the Crucifixion. And the ultra-Orthodox Jews of Mea Sherim in Jerusalem have fought pitched battles with police and secular archaeologists in their attempt to halt digging in virtually any part of the city.

No dig in Israel can be certain not to uncover human remains. If Mr Netanyahu capitulates, he will, effectively, halt excavations that have more historic importance than those in almost any other part of the world. He will also send a signal that despite the narrowness of his victory, his Government will be forced to adopt a range of fundamentalist religious positions that could change the face of modern, secular Israel. There is more at stake in the ground than scholarship.

## Adultery, divorce and the children

From the Right Reverend Lord Habgood

Sir, Mr Mark Mullins (letter, June 3) wants to "admonish adulterers" by making adultery "a clear statutory ground for divorce". Adultery is indeed worthy of admonition, and in Old Testament times was punishable by death.

It was this punishment which encouraged the Reformers to regard an adulterous marriage as dead, and hence to treat adultery as a ground for divorce. The Eastern Churches had long since come to the same conclusion by a different route, relying on the so-called "Matthean exception" in Matthew xix, 9:

I tell you, if a man divorces his wife for any cause other than unchastity and marries another, he commits adultery.

Under our present law, however, easy and automatic divorce has come to seem more like a reward for adultery. Attempts to redress the balance by stressing the element of fault are understandable but would simply compound the error by confusing an admonishable symptom of marriage breakdown with the breakdown itself.

The stated purpose of the Family Law Bill is to support such marriages as can be saved by encouraging couples to face realistically, and as far as possible non-confrontationally, the full consequences of divorce. Its great merit is that it returns unequivocally to the only morally defensible ground for divorce, namely the effective death of the marriage, a death which in the end only the couple themselves can properly identify.

The Christian gospel in these unhappy circumstances is not to add insult to injury by admonishment, but to declare that even in the face of death there is still hope of a new life.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN HABGOOD,  
18 The Mount,  
Malton, North Yorkshire.  
June 7.

From Mr Martin Poupard

Sir, The Family Law Bill proposes an 18-month waiting period plus a further three-month initial cooling-off period for those seeking a divorce.

Parliament appears to have forgotten that "any delay in determining [any] question with respect to the upbringing of a child is likely to prejudice the welfare of the child" (Children Act, 1989).

Yours faithfully,  
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June 4.

## Parenting classes

From Dr Robin Gray, FRCS

Sir, The Shadow Home Secretary's call for a curfew (report and leading article, June 4) to ensure that children under 11 are not out, without a responsible figure, after nine o'clock in the evening is superficial, palliative and will do nothing useful in the long term. The only long-term solution for the ills such a curfew is presumably intended to address is improved parenting.

The contact points for starting to teach parents how to bring up their children are ante and post-natal clinics, on entry of a first child to nursery school and on entry of a first child to primary school. Teaching of life skills to all children must follow until they leave school.

Inadequate parenting costs society dearly. Until a serious attitude is taken to teaching the skills of parenting and education for life nothing will change.

Yours sincerely,  
ROBIN GRAY,  
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1800 Aigle, Switzerland,  
June 4.

From Mrs Annette Mountford

Sir, The Bishop of Hull's advocacy of the value of parenting classes (letter, June 3) can be substantiated by the experience of our church.

In the past three years our classwork with families has demonstrated the importance of education for good parenting and relationships. Many of the families have been seriously dysfunctional, with children exhibiting emotional behaviour disorder. The positive changes they have made show the effectiveness of attending good quality programmes.

There are many long-term social benefits to be gained from the development of parenting skills, and referrals from social workers, health visitors and teachers have increased, as have self-referrals, reflecting a new public mood that learning to be a good parent is socially acceptable.

Our work is emotionally demanding and there is constant pressure to seek charitable funding. The Bishop wants to dangle the carrot of double child benefit for those who attend classes, but government investment is required for the classes themselves or there won't be the classes to go to.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 6.

## Dubious value of royal commissions

From Professor Emeritus Nigel Walker

Sir, Another royal commission on crime and punishment is unlikely to be as "dispassionate, authoritative and constructive" as Professor McConville and his fellow signatories hope (letter, June 3).

Surprisingly they refrain from reminding us that less than 30 years ago the Royal Commission on the Penal System dissolved itself without making a single recommendation, for the very reason that its members could not agree on fundamental principles.

A royal commission on crime and punishment would make as much sense as a royal commission on ill-health. If the signatories of this naïve proposal have in mind specific problems, such as the demarcation dispute between the Lord Chief Justice and the Home Secretary, this is more likely to be solved by a committee of Parliament, which after all has the last word.

## Need for juries from all walks of life

From Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC

Sir, The Chairman of the Queen's English Society (letter, June 1) quotes the "intricacy" of criminal proceedings and the purported fact that the number of "functionally illiterate" adults in the country may be higher than one in six as grounds for doubting the "suitability of some jurors to serve on any kind of trial, let alone one involving specialised knowledge". I disagree.

No juror is required to possess expert knowledge on any subject except ordinary life, in which most people have some qualifications. Usually the jury are urged by the judge to use their common sense and knowledge of the world in coming to their decision. No doubt instinct and intuition also play a part, as they do in all decision-making.

One of the advantages of trial by jury is that counsel on both sides are required to ensure that everyone (including the defendant) understands both the evidence and the issues. This is not difficult: for trapped inside every technical or scientific concept

there is almost always a simple idea waiting to be liberated.

If the jury do not understand evidence, argument or legal directions they are encouraged to say so. In these circumstances they should assume that the fault lies with the witness, counsel or the judge — and they will invariably be right.

Many defendants charged with fraud have run businesses without being able to read a balance sheet, a broadsheet or a road sign. If they are entitled to be tried by their peers the jury should contain a representative cross-section of the population, including the illiterate. Those people who cannot read a newspaper ought not to be disqualified from jury service, nor should those who have letters published in *The Times*.

Perhaps together they would provide the perfect mix: a jury chosen at random from all walks of life whose sole aim is to produce a just verdict.

Yours faithfully,  
RONALD THWAITES,  
10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.4.  
June 1.

## Sudanese denial

From the Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin has delivered his usual attack on Sudan ("A slave state of our time", May 31; see also letters, June 6) using unsubstantiated allegations of slavery.

At no time has my Government encountered a single case of slavery in any part of the country, let alone the existence of 12,000 southern slaves in the North, as the writer suggests.

Compatriots from Southern Sudan occupy key posts in the State and the Army, including the position of Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan and three federal ministers and a similar number of ministers of state, besides dozens of elected MPs and several ambassadors and envoys.

They also constitute a significant portion of the Sudanese Army and of all the large towns in the North. Why should all these keep a blind eye towards the enslaving of their children?

To exclude any doubt, in areas which occasionally witness armed tribal conflicts an independent commission was set up to investigate any claim or case of slavery or the disappearance of any individual.

A peace charter was signed on April 10, 1996, by the Government and two of the three rebel factions to put an end to the war in the South. The free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections last March were the start to ending another potential source of abuse, which is the violent struggle for power.

These two steps, as well as the release of all political detainees and prisoners, were welcomed and commended by the UN Human Rights Commission last April in Geneva.

There is no truth in Mr Levin's claim that relief is used by my Gov-

ernment as a weapon against the rebels. Convoys and flights to the rebel areas rely largely on the protection and co-operation which it readily offers and which the UN General Assembly has repeatedly commended.

The area of the Nuba Mountains mentioned by Mr Levin was visited by many international delegations and none of them confirmed the allegations of atrocities.

Yours faithfully,  
OMER Y. BIREEDO,  
Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan,  
3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.  
June 6.

From Mr Louis Fitzgibbon

Sir, On May 30 the Sudan Government announced that it would permit a referendum on the future of the South. This is the very thing John Garang, leader of one faction of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, has been demanding. It is also one of the main planks of Baroness Cox's arguments as president of Christian Solidarity International.

Garang can hardly refuse, but the result would be for Sudan to remain united, as the southern people are sick of war and also know that any secession would result in Somalia-type inter-tribal warfare. This should also take the wind out of the UN resolution mentioned by Mr Bona Malwal (letter, June 6), which is due for review on July 10.

The path to peace is open: let Garang take it or does he fear that if peace comes he will no longer be a war lord, but lord of nothing?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
LOUIS FITZGIBBON,  
8 Portland Place,  
Brighton, Sussex.  
June 7.

## Road rage in reverse

From Mrs Sheila G. Mortimer

Sir, A colleague was cycling to work yesterday when a car cut in front, clipping his bicycle and causing him to career into the grass verge. He narrowly avoided injury but was extremely angry.

The car door opened and a monk emerged. He was gentle, apologetic and concerned and my colleague, by the end of the encounter, was reassuring him that it was a dangerous piece of road anyway and there was no need for him to worry.

Perhaps this is the answer to road rage (report, May 15; letters, May 25, 31): don a monk's habit.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 5.

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## A foreign climate?

From Mr Alan Thame

Sir, Weather is our national talking point: the common denominator of class and the ice-breaker of conversation. Met Office forecasts have been on BBC TV since before the war; yet it seems we are to leave it to companies from North America to compete in interpreting weather for our consumption via cable and satellite TV (report and leading article, June 1).

Is it too difficult for a home-grown organisation to work with the Met Office and present our weather in our own way? Over the years we have seen big advances in television forecasting, with skilled meteorologists whose opinions stay with us for far longer than their advanced computer graphics and charts.

Yes, they do get it wrong from time to time, but anyone who travels will know just how good weather forecasting is in this country most of the time. Why should we let others assume that they can do it better?

Yours faithfully,  
ALAN THAME,  
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Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire.  
June 3.

## Paying up to be lord of the manor

From the Lord of Hornchurch Hall

Sir, I welcome the items in *The Times* of May 31 which deal with lordships of the manor, but regret the emphasis placed in your leading article on status, wealth and rights and on what you call "these cracked and dusty baubles". Many "new" lords of the manor are motivated differently:

1. In the main, we are ardent royalists and supporters of the monarchy, to which we owe our lordships.
2. Lordships are changing hands at a mere £4,200: one does not have to be wealthy to be a lord.
3. Lordships do occasionally bestow rights, but most of the "new" lords are more interested in responsibilities, which they are encouraged to take seriously by the Manorial Society of Great Britain.
4. Lordships no longer bring automatic status: many of the "new" lords have earned it by their manorial benefactions.

Forgive me for rushing to the lists: I write as chairman of a charitable trust which has owned this lordship since 1993 and has nominated me to bear the title for life.

I remain, your obedient servant,  
JOHN HORNCHURCH,  
Lord of Hornchurch Hall,  
Hornchurch Hall,  
7 Parkstone Avenue,  
Hornchurch, Essex.  
June 1.

From Mr Kenneth Nicholls

Sir, The Irish baronies, described in your report of May 31 as a "different animal from lordships of the manor", are based simply on a misunderstanding of the word "barony".

Until recently this was the term used in Ireland for the administrative division of the county, corresponding to the English "hundred". It never gave the title of Baron to anyone (unless, of course, its name was chosen as that of a peerage title).

As an historian who has specialised in these matters, I have never heard of the title of Baron of Gorey, for which you report that Mr David Mullins has paid £50,500 (to whom?). I also believe that the vendor was one of the many individuals whose ancestors were granted lands in the barony at the time of the 17th-century Plantation, and that there may thus be at least twenty people who could call themselves "Baron of Gorey".

One might as well argue that, because the land was in County Wexford, they could all use the title of "Count of Wexford".

Yours sincerely,  
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June 2.

## Parliamentary hearing

From Mr Geoffrey Sumner

Sir, Some people, weary of our politicians, might agree with your radio critic Peter Barnard ("Lock up the House", Arts, May 30) that the BBC should stop "inflicting" *Yesterday in Parliament* on "a largely begrudging audience". But those people do not include the audience.

A BBC Broadcasting Research survey of regular listeners at the end of last year showed that 72 per cent thought it important that the BBC should transmit this round-up of the previous day's parliamentary proceedings.

Listeners were also asked to compare *Yesterday in Parliament* with the readings (rightly praised by Mr Barnard) broadcast during recesses. The replies showed that 34 per cent thought the readings more interesting, 34 per cent found them about as interesting, and 25 per cent found them less interesting than *Parliament*.

The survey also found that more people listen to *Yesterday in Parliament* than to its replacements, when *Parliament* was not sitting, the average audience for the time slot fell from 1.31 million to 1.27 million.

I think we can assume that many of our appreciative listeners are also readers of *The Times*, who no longer have a parliamentary page to turn to.

Yours faithfully,  
G. SUMNER  
(Editor, *Today in Parliament* and *Yesterday in Parliament*),  
BBC,  
4 Millbank, SW1.  
June 4.

## Out of order

From Mr George Barrow

Sir, I attended the wedding last week-end (letters, June 1, 6) of a good friend, many of whose guests have flown into this country from great distances. Because of this it was thought that the wedding blessing and the baptism of the couple's first child could usefully be combined into the same occasion.

Concluding the blessing of the marriage with a prayer that mentioned the hope of Christian progeny, the vicar declared, with a good deal of alacrity, that if anyone had ever doubted the power of prayer its efficacy was now beyond question, and went straight into the baptism service.

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE BARROW,  
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June 7.







## OBITUARIES

## PERCY EDWARDS

Percy Edwards, MBE, bird and animal impersonator, died on June 7 aged 88. He was born on June 1, 1908.

A BROADCASTER with a unique talent, Percy Edwards could imitate the calls of more than 600 different types of bird as well as the sounds made by most well-known species of animals. For more than 70 years he delighted radio and television audiences with his skill and, though a distinguished naturalist in his own right, he always saw himself primarily as an entertainer.

It was as a bird impersonator that Edwards became best known. He could yaffle like a woodpecker or mew like a kite, croon like a water rail and boom like a bittern. For many years he beguiled audiences, both in the theatre and on the air, with the fluting music of the nightingale or the blackbird's piping song. He toured the music-halls alongside such great entertainers as George Robey, Max Miller and Charles Coburn, bringing the tunes from marsh and meadow, mountain and moorland, to urban ears.

Edwards could even imitate the cock capercaillie, Britain's largest game bird, whose courtship song is one of the strangest sounds in the avian world. Its call begins with a resonant rattle, continues with a sound like drawing a cork and pouring liquid out of a narrow-necked bottle, and ends with a knife-grinding scrape.

But Edwards' mimicry was not limited to birds. When Laurence Olivier produced *The Rhinoceros*, Edwards was called upon to do the pachydermatous puffing. He was celebrated for his role as Gregory the chicken in the BBC series *Ray's A Laugh* and *Psyche* the dog in the series *Life of Bliss*. In the cinema he was the voice of the whale in *Ora: Killer Whale*, of the reindeer in *Santa Claus*, of the wolves in *A Company of Wolves* and in *Allen* he made the sounds for the monster. "I had to gargle for a week after that job," he said.

Percy Edwards first discovered his Doctor Dolittle-type talent for talking like the animals when he was seven. His brother had taken him to Rushmore Heath, near Ipswich, and he was dozing under the trees when he heard what he thought was a wolf-whistle. It was some time before he realised that the call came not from a person but a bird in the branches above him. It was a greenfinch, he later discovered, a sociable creature whose extensive vocabulary includes a canary-like "isooet" and a nasal "tsweee".



For several weeks afterwards Edwards kept hearing this greenfinch and found that, with practice, he could imitate its twittering melody of calls. When the bird came into his garden one day he called to it direct. "It swooped towards me, the bright yellow bars of its outstretched wings flashing," Edwards recalled. "Then it landed on a low branch, staring at me and anxiously calling back."

He would eat canary seed before going to bed, he said, in the hopes that he would awake in the morning singing like a bird.

He first went on the stage when he was 12. It was a charity concert put on by his local church. All the other boys were going to sing, but Percy entertained the audience with the sounds of rooks, ducks and chickens instead. His listeners clamoured for more.

Leaving school, Edwards took a job as a ploughman, but also began performing at concerts in music-halls in his spare time. Then in 1929, laid off from his trade, he went to work for the BBC at Savoy Hill.

Radio audiences first heard him when he appeared in the series *Vaudeville* in 1930, recorded at Savoy

Hill. He went on to appear regularly on the BBC, often with other bird-watching television personalities, most notably Max Miller and Eric Morecambe. Edwards became a household name after his animal imitations in the radio shows *Ray's A Laugh* and *Life of Bliss*. He played a dog with a Suffolk accent for Hinge and Bracket, and at other times he was called upon to imitate creatures as diverse as mountain lion, mule and grizzly bear. By the time he finally retired in 1989, after a nearly sixty-year career as an animal mimic, he had made hundreds of broadcasts for the BBC.

He also appeared regularly in cinema, although, he said, he was rarely credited, because film-makers were coy about owing up to the use of an animal impersonator. But his voice can be heard in such films as *The Belstone Fox* and *The Dark Crystal*.

Edwards never stopped adding to his repertoire of bird and animal sounds. It was a never-ending task, he used to say. The chaffinch, for example, one of Britain's most common birds, has 13 different calls in addition to its song. Even its young have two different types of begging call, one before they fledge and one after.

However, though among Britain's native songbirds the starling is the most gifted mimic, it was for the tiny wren that Edwards felt most affection. Being only 5ft 6in himself, he had a fellow-feeling for this bird, he said. "The wren compensates for its size by having a voice that can be heard from a considerable distance. Perhaps that is one reason why I have spent so much of my life learning to whistle."

Edwards was a gentle, unassuming and soft-spoken man. He was particularly good at explaining things to children and was able to talk to them on their level. He always emphasised, too, that he had no power over the birds he seemed to speak to. "They sing because they think a rival is on their territory," he explained.

Edwards retired in 1989 and in 1993 he was appointed MBE for his services to ornithology and entertainment.

Throughout his life he lived in Suffolk, in earlier years in a terraced house in Ipswich, later in a more rural home. When he and his wife moved to the country their garden there was little more than an acre of cold, inhospitable ground. They planted a small wood and all the varieties of shrub which British birds most love. Every spring all 30 of the nestboxes which they placed there would be inhabited.

Percy Edwards is survived by his wife Cicely, and their two sons.

## MAX FACTOR JR

Francis "Max" Factor Jr, make-up artist and cosmetics company executive, died in Los Angeles, California, on June 7 aged 91. He was born in St Louis, Missouri, in 1904.



Factor tests a lotion formula on a model, 1950

FACES were green in Hollywood before Max Factor and his father came on the scene. But the Factors came to the aid of the verdant stars of the 1930s. They invented pancake make-up, a beauty aid that prevented actors from appearing green in Technicolor. It was the start of a revolution which was to change the faces of women all over the world, and make a tidy fortune for its originators.

Improving on nature was a family tradition. Factor's father, also named Max, had been private cosmetician to the Tsar of Russia before, in 1904, ominous stormclouds began to gather over St Petersburg. Perhaps sensing that a peasant revolution would provide few opportunities to practise his art, the elder Factor decamped to America with his pregnant wife.

A chemist by training, Factor Sr set up shop in St Louis, and four years later moved to Los Angeles where he opened a theatrical make-up and wig business. With Hollywood about to become the film capital of the world, this proved a wise move, and young Francis joined his father in the shop as soon as he had completed his own education as a chemist.

But it was not until almost thirty years later that the name of Factor was to become a legend. Impressed by the properties of the new pancake

make-up, actors began taking it home and sharing it with their wives and friends. Factor's father was nearing the end of his life (he died in 1938) but he was quick to see the commercial potential of the new product. He began to put it into mass production, and soon every woman could buy the same cosmetics that adorned the faces of the stars. And they did, in their millions. Factor was to become, quite literally, the name which appeared on millions of women's lips.

On the death of his father, Francis Factor changed his name to "Max" and assumed joint leadership of Max Factor and Co with his brother.

Davis. He continued to innovate, producing Tru-Color lipstick in 1940, which was claimed to be the first product of its kind which would not smear or change colour. As living billboards for the Factor company's products, Max enlisted the aid of the most glamorous faces of Hollywood's peak era. Lana Turner, Rita Hayworth and Marlene Dietrich were among a host of female stars willing to admit that they wore Max Factor cosmetics both on and off the screen.

Factor and his brother sold the company in 1973, and it is now owned by Procter & Gamble. He is survived by a son.

## DON GROLNICK

Don Grolnick, jazz pianist, composer and arranger, died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in New York on June 1 aged 48. He was born in Brooklyn on September 23, 1947.



ALTHOUGH Don Grolnick's name was less well-known than his long-term musical partners, the Brecker Brothers, he was an essential ingredient in the development of their innovative blend of jazz, rock and funk. Not only was he the keyboard player on their first records, but their first hit, *Sneaking up the Alley*, from 1975, was largely a Grolnick composition and he wrote several others among their best-known pieces.

The wider public would also have been aware of Grolnick's work without knowing it, since for almost 20 years he was the musical director, arranger and keyboard player for the singer James Taylor. Their association ended only two years ago when Grolnick decided to focus more on his jazz work.

In this Grolnick was, in what proved to be the short time available to him, remarkably successful. The band he brought to Britain for a Contemporary Music Network tour early last year was an outstanding ensemble. It included both Brecker brothers, Mike and Randy, as well as the "Ironbottom" Robin Eubanks and the drummer Peter Erskine. Their Queen Elizabeth Hall concert reached a wider public through a Radio 3 recording broadcast last May.

Grolnick grew up in the Long Island model development Levittown. Initially he studied philosophy at Tufts. But although he had taken the piano seriously, being taught by Ray Thompson, it was not until he met the saxophonist Michael Brecker at a Notre Dame University student jazz competition in 1967 that he decided to focus full-time on music. He joined Brecker in the pioneering group Dreams, which also included the trumpet

range of musicians, including Steely Dan, Roberta Flack, Carly Simon and George Benson, as well as beginning his association with James Taylor. His jazz work also continued, and he joined the vibes player Mike Mainieri in the pioneering group Steps, as well as making an album, *Still Warm*, in 1983 with the former Miles Davis guitarist John Scofield. This led to what was, surprisingly, the first album under Grolnick's own name, *Hearts and Numbers*, in 1986, followed up by two immensely successful releases for Blue Note in 1989 and 1992.

At the time of his British tour last year, he had made the decision to cease touring with James Taylor, to abandon the lucrative but relatively mindless writing and recording of TV jingles, and to focus on composition and leading his own bands. The jingles, he maintained, kept going round in his head, preventing him from composing. "I needed more silence in my life."

At the time of his death he had completed another album, *Medianoche*, for Warner Brothers, which will be released in August. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne O'Connor.

## CAPTAIN MIKE HARVEY

Captain Mike Harvey, Colditz "ghost", died on May 17 aged 82. He was born on September 29, 1915.

MIKE HARVEY was captured in the Second World War, and imprisoned in Colditz where he had remarkable experience. He and his friend Flight-Lieutenant Jack Best were concealed for more than 11 months within the castle walls without the knowledge of their captors. They were known as the "Ghosts of Colditz".

Officially Harvey had escaped on April 5, 1943, after the unsuccessful Anglo-Dutch escape of two prisoners who were caught, close to success, in the German part of the castle in German officers' uniforms at the final security checkpoint. The Germans were incensed and confusion followed. Harvey and Best went into a pre-prepared hide and at the ensuing roll-call the Germans discovered they were missing and believed them to have escaped in a similar manner to the two escapees whom they had caught. The Germans accepted the situation and reported the fact to the German Army Headquarters in Berlin. From then on, the "ghosts" could perform their intended function, which was to stand in for an escapee on roll-calls, to give him time to get clear of the region before the general alarm went out.

Edward Michael Harvey joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1927. He then served on the China station, and shortly before the outbreak of war, joined the



submarine service. He was appointed First Lieutenant of the submarine *Undine* which in the early months of the war was on patrol off Norway and in the German and Danish coastal area close to Heligoland. The region was closely surveyed by strong enemy air forces, and in addition, the Germans had covered the seabed with electronic monitoring devices against the penetration of enemy submarines.

It was on January 7, 1940, off Heligoland, that *Undine* attacked and fired torpedoes at German minesweepers, which missed. She was then herself heavily attacked with depth-charges by enemy anti-

submarine vessels. Severely damaged and disabled, she was forced to the surface and was scuttled by the crew. It was at this point that a sailor, who was unable to swim, was saved by Harvey's prompt action. For this he was awarded the Royal Humane Society certificate and bronze medal after the war. Harvey and nearly all the crew of 29 officers and men were picked up by the Germans and became prisoners of war.

They were sent to the German Navy's prison camp of Marlag und Milag Nord at Sandborstel. Here, in due course, Harvey's name was registered by the German authorities as an escapee and

troublemaker, which in the autumn of 1942 led to his transfer to the Sonderlager Colditz Oflag IV C. In a community of habitual escapees, Harvey decided that he would make a firm contribution for the benefit of his fellow-prisoners, and that is how he became a "ghost". He and his partner remained in hiding, day and night, for one week short of a year. In the meantime, they provided cover on several occasions, one of which was the escape attempt of Giles Romilly, a relation of Winston Churchill.

At last, both Harvey and Best, duly done, decided to escape themselves. In his attempt, Harvey was caught just outside the castle walls. This led to the identification and recapture of both "ghosts". It was a great embarrassment to the Kommandant now having to admit to the German High Command in Berlin that Harvey and Best had been in the camp all that time. They refused to believe the story.

Harvey and Best must have escaped, then finding conditions outside too difficult, they returned to the castle of their own accord," they said, and sent a high official to investigate. The camp Kommandant was not amused. He told his security officer: "What do they think this place is? A damned hotel, where people come and go as they wish?"

Harvey had been a "ghost" for 352 days. It was a long arduous task which he endured for the benefit of others, but that was his character. He obviously could not be charged with escaping — he had not even left the castle. Instead the Kommandant de-

cided it appropriate to charge him with "being absent from 1,326 roll-calls including three Gestapo Appells", for which he received a sentence of 28 days.

He remained in Colditz until the castle was relieved by American forces at the end of the war. He resumed his naval career as a regular officer in a cruiser on the West Indies station, followed by an appointment in 1946 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander as captain of the frigate *St Austell Bay*. After his promotion to the rank of Commander he took up an appointment of the Boys' Training Establishment, *HMS St Vincent*. This was followed by a Naval Staff course. After he had been promoted Captain in December 1954, he was appointed Commanding Officer of the Royal Navy Air station *HMS Blackcap*.

He retired from the Navy in 1957 and joined the manufacturing company Glynwed International. He served there for the next 18 years, and was finally appointed to the main board.

Among his interests he enjoyed landscape painting but above all he never lost his love of the sea, and sailed extensively in the waters around Britain. He became chairman of the project organisation known as "The Norfolk Boat", and together with the Ocean Youth Club they bought a 72ft sailing yacht called *Spirit of Boadicea*, which was run for the benefit of the young of Norfolk.

He married June (née Simpson) in 1946 and is survived by her, a son and three daughters.

## Church news

## Appointments

The Rev John Cowburn, Curate-in-charge, Christchurch, St George (Winchester): to be Chaplain, Diocesan Council with Deal People (Lichfield).  
The Rev Ann Easter, Assistant Curate, (NSM), Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross: to be also Assistant Area Dean of Newham (Chelmsford).  
The Rev David Goodburn, RN Chaplain, Portsmouth: to be Vicar, Luton, St Saviour (St Albans).  
The Rev Malcolm Griffin, Vicar, Madeley: to be Vicar, Fulford in Stone w Hilderstone (Lichfield).  
The Rev David Hague, Assistant Curate, Luton, St Mary: to be Vicar, Stevenage, St Peter, Broadwater (St Albans).  
The Rev Victor Howlett, Hon Curate, St Matthew w St Nathaniel, Kingsdown and St Michael and All Angels, Bishopston: to be Curate to the benefice and parish of Greater Corsham (Bristol).  
The Rev Graham Humphries, Norfolk Churches Radio Officer and Priest-in-charge, Bawdswell

and Foxley (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, Mayfield and Area Local Ministry Adviser (Lichfield).  
The Rev Keith Jukes, Team Rector, Camnock and Vicar, Hotherton, held in plurality (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.  
The Rev Charles Maiden, Associate Priest, St Helen, Selston w St Mary, Westwood: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Muthwaite (Southwell).  
The Rev James Makepeace, Team Rector, Tottenhall Regis and Rural Dean of Trysil (Lichfield): to be also a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.  
The Rev David Mumchin, Assistant Curate, Golders Green, St Alban and St Michael (London): to be Prebendary of the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban (St Albans).  
The Rev Roy Pearson, Vicar, All Saints, Tottenham and Area Dean of East Harringey (London): to be also a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral.

The Rev Dr Mark Powell, Vicar, Exhall, St Giles (Coventry): to be Vicar, Leavesden (St Albans).  
The Rev Jimmie Prasadam, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Luton (St Albans): to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul and St Silas, Loxells (Birmingham).  
The Rev John Robinson, Assistant Curate, Meole Brace Holy Trinity: to be Rector, Barchurch and Weston Lullingfield w Horley (Lichfield).  
The Rev Rodney Smith, Priest-in-charge, Sneinton, St Matthias (Southwell).  
The Rev Paul Talling, Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Wallford and St John's, All Saints, Bishopswood: St Giles, Goodrich; St Matthew, Marston; St Margaret, Welsh Bicknor: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary, Kingston; St Thomas a Becket, Huntingdon; St Stephen, Old Radnor; St Mary, Kinnerton; St Michael and All Angels, Knill (Hereford).  
The Rev Graham Taylor, Assistant

Curate (NSM), Pickering: to be Assistant Curate (suspensory), Whitby (York).

The Rev Michael Thompson, Hon Assistant, Christ Church, Hampstead and St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield (London): to be Vicar, Sneinton, St Stephen w St Alban (Southwell).  
The Rev Margaret Williams: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Saviour, Westcliff (Chelmsford).  
The Rev Richard Williams, Curate-in-charge, St Matthias, Canning Town: to be Vicar, St Saviour, Westcliff (Chelmsford).

**Resignations and retirements**  
Prebendary Robert Colby, Rector, St Mary, Edwin Leach; St James, Tedstone Delamere; St Michael, Upper Sapey; St Andrew, Wollerlow; St John, Whitbourne (Hereford): to retire early September and then be appointed Prebendary Emeritus.  
The Rev Glensy Lloyd, Resident Minister, Childs Ercal and Stoke on Tern, in the benefice of Stoke on Tern, Childs Ercal, Hales, Hunsford, and Sandbrook (Lichfield): has retired on grounds of ill health.

## THE POPE'S LIFE IN THE VATICAN

## SETTING A PRECEDENT

(From Our Milan Correspondent)  
Some interesting particulars have now come to light of the private life of Pope Pius XI in the Vatican. Whenever a new Pope is made, there is always a curiosity to know how he is adapting himself to his voluntary seclusion, and what habits he preserves of his previous life. Of the present Pope one can say that he confirms the opinion held by all those who know him well and used to admire his austerity and simplicity. His Holiness has chosen for his private apartments seven rooms on the third floor overlooking the Piazza San Pietro. These are furnished with the greatest simplicity, there being no carpets, no curtains and no sign of luxury. In the bed-room there is a brass bedstead, above which hangs a picture of The Madonna of the God Counsel; a mahogany chest of drawers, a small writing desk and a cabinet in which his Holiness keeps his private papers. In his study there is a large writing table, with a crucifix standing upon it. No books or reviews are to be seen. The Pope lives entirely isolated in his private apartments, where no guard is on duty either during the day or at night. Nobody sleeps near him. He has three servants, who take turns

## ON THIS DAY

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Pope Pius XI was orderly in his habits and liked a clear desk, but the Cardinals did not much care for his housekeeper being La Signora Linda, even if she were elderly

daily in waiting upon him. But he is particularly looked after by an old woman, whose introduction into the Vatican broke a long tradition, and aroused no little criticism among the Pope's entourage. This woman, commonly called La Signora Linda, who is now over sixty years of age, had been for forty years the faithful maid and companion of the mother of the Pope. She was an orphan, and Signora Ratti took her out of a convent when still a girl. When Signora Ratti died, Linda, being alone, re-entered a convent; but when Cardinal Ratti came to Milan as Archbishop of the diocese he recalled her and made her his housekeeper. A few months later, the Arch-

bishop was elected Pope, and Linda was on the point of returning to the convent when a telegram arrived from Rome ordering her to go and live at the Vatican. The decision of Pius XI met with the respectful resistance of the Cardinals. "A woman in the Vatican, Your Holiness!" (it was remarked to him). "None of your predecessors has ever done such a thing." "Well," was the reply, "we will see a precedent for our successors." The result is that Signora Linda lives now in the Vatican on the third floor of the wing looking towards Montemario. Her official title is Mistress of the Wardrobe and every day she orders the Pope's extremely frugal meals.

## "THE TIMES"

THE NEW SECTION  
Now that *The Times* has resumed pre-war dimensions, it is necessary for the convenience of readers, who find it difficult to handle such very large newspapers, to revert to the practice of delivering the journal to its readers in sections. In the centre, therefore, will be found a section which will consist mainly of the Court Circular, social movements, literature, amusements and illustrations. *The Times* is now practically two journals and can, therefore, as formerly, be read by two members of the household at the same time.



